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IT IS reported on good authority that ex-Mayor McCandless will likely receive the appointment to the vacant office of Collector of Customs for the port of Victoria, in the stead of the late A. R. Milne. It was first understood that the appointment would fall to Mr. R. L. Drury, but that gentleman is said to have declined the post on account of ill-health, and the next choice seems to have fallen on the ex-Mayor, Mr. A. G. McCandless.

There were quite a number of aspirants for the vacant collectorship, amongst the applicants being J. Newbury, formerly chief clerk and now acting collector of customs, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, C. H. Lugin, Dr. G. L. Milne and W. Marchant.

A. G. McCandless, whose name is mentioned for the vacant collectorship, is too well known to Victorians for anything to be said regarding his fitness for this important position. He would bring to the office a quiet dignity and an ability from his long business experience, which would serve him well in the discharge of his duties in that capacity. He has had a long experience in public affairs, having been for one year mayor of the city and had a long term at the aldermanic board, where he gained an experience specially fitting him for a position of this sort.

He was formerly a partner of the well known Johnson street firm of Gilmore & McCandless, later McCandless Bros., and he disposed of his interests in this business to give all his attention to his duties as mayor. At the close of his occupancy of the mayoralty he became a partner in the firm of Carter & McCandless, from which he recently retired.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

New York, Jan. 14.—A committee composed of Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth church, Washington; Gladston Francis Clark, of the United States Society of Christian Endeavor, and Francis W. Gouness, of Chicago, has perfected arrangements for the evangelistic campaign to be carried on in the United States under the auspices of the evangelistic commission of the national convention of churches. Rev. Wm. Jas. Dawson, of London, England, will arrive in this country about February to engage in this work.

VIGILANT JAPANESE.

U. S. Officer Relates Instance of Cautious Work of Togo's Men.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Surgeon Von Wedekind, of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, arrived here today and gives evidence of the vigilance of the Japanese naval officers. He says that on one occasion a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer steamed rapidly after the Cincinnati and did not stop until after reaching her name. A five-inch gun was trained on the destroyer, but it soon became evident that its officers only wanted to make sure of the cruiser's identity.

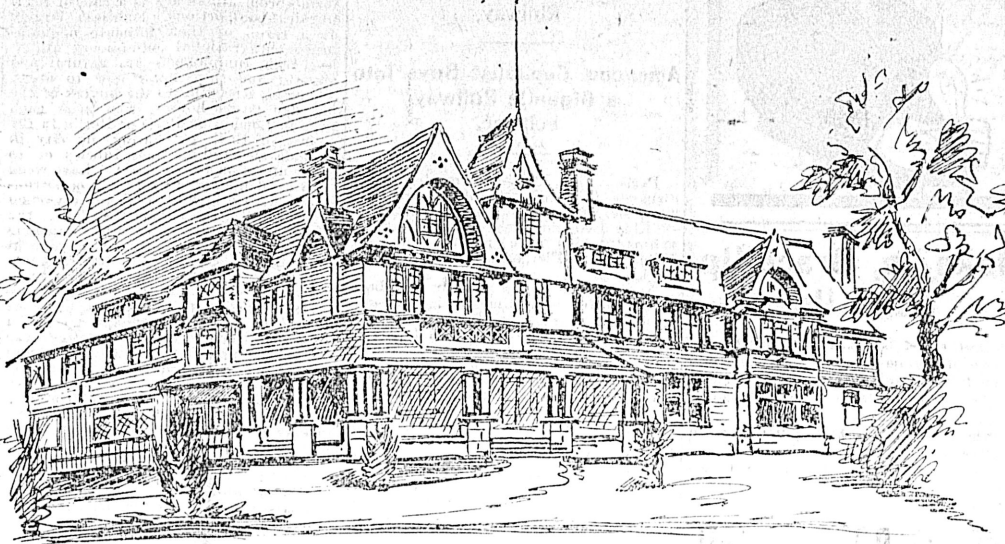
URGING NOW A MINISTER OF MINES

Interior Associated Boards Take Action on a Federal Matter.

Rossland, Jan. 14.—The organization of a department of mines, with a minister from British Columbia, will be urged on the federal government by the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, whose delegates are to meet in Nelson either late this month or early in February. The delegates will also discuss the imposition of a duty on United States rough lumber, the best methods to encourage the production of zinc in this province, the preservation of the remains of the forests from fire, the cancellation of the numerous reserves on valuable land and the need of the provincial government paying better attention to surveys of land, and especially to guard against the issue of duplicate titles. The Boards of Trade will also discuss the railway needs of the province, chiefly as regards the giving of assistance to the Coast-Kootenay line and to the Kootenay Central railway. Rossland, Nelson, Kaslo, Cascade, Cranbrook, Fernie, Fort Steele, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Moyie, Phoenix and Trail have been notified of the intended holding of the convention and asked to send delegates.

LADIES' DORMITORY BURNED.

St. Cloud, Minn., Jan. 14.—A fire, which is said to have been started by the overturning of an alcohol lamp, totally destroyed Lawrence hall, the ladies' dormitory, at the St. Cloud normal school. The loss is \$35,000.



Architect—F. M. Rattenbury.

NEW OAK BAY HOTEL

Contractor—F. J. Mesher.

CONTRACTOR F. J. MESHER is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on an achievement in connection with the Oak Bay hotel which entitles him to especial praise. To put up a hotel building costing approximately \$15,000 in the short space of nineteen working days is a record of which any contractor may well be proud. Yet this is exactly what Mr. Mesher has done.

The carpenter work on the new Oak Bay hotel—a cut of which is shown above—was commenced on the 14th of December last, and tomorrow the lathers will go to work on their job of preparing for the plasterer, the entire exterior of the structure having been completed, even to the roof being closed in.

This is believed to be a record in the history of speedy building operations on the Canadian Pacific coast, and the architect, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, and the owner, Mr. J. A. Virtue, are especially pleased at the progress made. It is expected that by the beginning of March the building will be ready to be turned over to the upholsterers.

A special feature which requires mention in connection with the new Oak Bay hotel is the pains which have been taken to make the structure practically fireproof. All the floors are independent of each other, and the staircases are so solidly constructed as to permit of the exit of the guests should a fire break out in any portion of the building. There is a separate system of shrinkage throughout, so as to make an even settlement over the entire building.

Messrs. Lemon, Goussard & Co. supplied the lumber for the structure, and are now busy getting out the mill work.

Premier Combes Weathers Storm

After Three Days Tempestuous Struggle Wins by Ten Majority.

The Stormy Debate Revealed Treachery in Government Ranks.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(10:30 a. m.)—Premier Combes weathered another storm at a session of the Chamber of Deputies lasting until one o'clock this morning and with a majority of 10 supporting the doctrine of the ministers and approving the policy of the government. The result was reached after a debate in which there were frequent violent altercations. The majority, although not large, is considered sufficient to insure the retention of the ministry.

It was expected that the session of the chamber of deputies today would culminate in the overthrow of the ministry and the floors and galleries were packed by persons who wished to witness the final struggle. The contest against the ministry has been slowly gaining ground. The principal elements of opposition were those combating the policy of Premier Combes for the separation of church and state; second, those denouncing the government's policy of secret information regarding the lives of army officers; and those complaining of the tardiness of the ministry in passing a law creating an income tax. These various elements suppld the strength of the majority until Premier Combes today found himself confronted by rebellion in his own ranks. His speeches in closing the three days' debate on the policy of the government was a vehement defence of his ministry and a denunciation of his detractors.

"They are the same men who sought to protect Esterhazy, who glorified Col. Henry, and who now are attempting a coup d'etat," said M. Combes.

The premier referred to the calumnies which had not been spared his white hairs. He wished time to complete the work against the religious associations and if the ministry were retained, he said, it would proceed to consider the income tax, working men's pensions and the separation of church and state, but that the latter would be modified so as to avoid any spirit of intolerance. In closing, Premier Combes said: "I hope the majority will be maintained in order to carry out the policy of the government. The chamber must choose between marching forward or lending itself to reaction."

M. Robert and M. Ros attacked the ministry, the latter declaring that Combes' policy was one of "treasonable" and "unpatriotic" conduct. A violent tumult followed. The Socialists endeavored to scale the benches to attack members on the opposite side of the chamber and amid cries of "traitor, coward, assassin," the president temporarily suspended the session. The session resumed its sitting and a preliminary vote showed the government had a majority of 14. The decisive vote was taken on a motion of M. Martin, approving the declaration and programme of the government and was adopted by a vote of 289 to 279.

USING DUMDUM BULLETS.

American Surgeon Who Was in Red Cross Service Tells of Cruelties.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Dr. W. D. Eastlake, who has recently been in the Japanese Red Cross service, arrived today on the steamer Doric. He declared that the Russians are using dumdum bullets and that he had extracted a number of such missiles from wounded Japanese. Dr. Eastlake expressed great admiration for the hospital work of the Japanese surgeons and said that blood poisoning is rare, nearly all of the wounds being treated so expertly that they heal by first intention. Dr. Eastlake said four cases of maltreatment of Japanese by Russians came under his observations. In one case the eyes of a Japanese were gouged out before his death. He declared that the Russian prisoners said they had been told they would be tortured if captured. Dr. Eastlake was twice wounded, once by a spent bullet and the second time by a wounded Russian who he was about to pick up. The Russian stabbed him in the abdomen with a bayonet. Dr. Eastlake is returning to New York, his former home. He is now in Tokyo seven years.

"PALACE OF PEACE."

Site for Carnegie's Gift to the Nations Has Been Selected.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—The government of the Netherlands has finally selected the military parade grounds near the Bosch for Andrew Carnegie's "Palace of Peace." The selection must be approved by the states-general. The Bosch (or woods) is a park nearly two miles long, a short distance out of The Hague. It abounds in forest trees. At the end of the park is the palace known as the Huis Ten Bosch (the house in the woods), built in 1644. It contains many old and valuable paintings.

THE SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Witness States Polygamy Is Now Almost a Thing of the Past.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Eleven witnesses testified today before the Senate committee on privileges and elections in the protests against the seating of Senator Smoot. All except two told of political conditions in Utah and of the Mormon endowment house ceremony. Several witnesses said the ceremony included no obligations that were in conflict with the duties of a citizen to his state and nation. Chairman Burrows asked two of the witnesses to give the nature of the ceremony, but both refused on the ground that they had given out on that subject what had taken place within the temple. A former judge of the Supreme court of the state of Utah, who was present at the ceremony, expressing the opinion that polygamy was now almost a thing of the past and the sentiment of the Mormons in the state was against plural marriages.

NO TIDINGS OF LOST CHILDREN

Searching Parties Fail to Find Trace of the Missing at Nanaimo.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Jan. 14.—Another day has passed and still no trace can be found of the children lost last Tuesday. A big search party yesterday and today covered every inch of ground between Nanaimo and Southfield without success, and the disappearance of the children is as much a mystery as ever. A heavy snowfall has made search almost impossible. The police are looking for the Japanese who were seen with the children on the afternoon of their disappearance.

BOLD ROBBERY BY BROAD DAYLIGHT

Wealthy New Yorker's House Is Raided by Quick Action Thief.

New York, Jan. 14.—It developed today that for nearly a week the police have been searching without success for a man who forced his way into the residence of Ernest G. W. Woertz, a wealthy brewer in Fifth avenue, held up three servants, Mr. Woertz's married daughter, and forced the brewer himself to pay tribute in the sum of \$100 before he would consent to leave. The robber then rushed from the residence, and although the police were immediately notified, they have been unable to find him. Mrs. James Steele, Mr. Woertz's daughter, says that a young man who was well dressed and wearing a mask over his face, called at the house Monday evening, and when the maid answered the bell, covered her with a revolver and stepped into the hall. "I want money, and I want it quick," he said. "If I don't get it I'll kill some one."

He then rushed past the maid, and, running upstairs, met Mrs. Steele and a woman friend in the upper hall. The revolver was pressed almost against Mrs. Steele's face as he repeated the demand made to the servant. When Mr. Woertz attracted by the sound of loud voices, came on the scene, the robber turned the gun upon him. "Give me all your money and give it to me quick. If you don't, I'll kill you," he said. Mr. Woertz drew a roll of bills amounting to about \$100 from his pocket. The man with the gun took it and, with a parting threat to shoot if any outcry was raised, dashed down the stairs and out of the house.

Russia's Bluff To The Powers

Wily Muscovites Attempt to Forestall Complaints of Aggression.

Wall as to Chinese Neutrality on Par With the "Yellow Peril" Cry.

London, Jan. 14.—The Russian government's circular regarding Chinese neutrality has not reached the British foreign office, where today it was explained that the delay was doubtless due to the absence of Ambassador L. Mucken-dorf, such communications being usually submitted by him in person. Consequently the foreign office declined to give any expression of opinion concerning the matter.

In diplomatic circles the circular is regarded as a move to forestall complaints of Russian transgression of Chinese neutrality coming from the Japanese, but not as indicating any immediate or serious action on Russia's part in the near future. The very fact that there has been haste in presenting the circular to Great Britain might indicate that this is the correct view. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, who has not received official notification of the circular, visited Foreign Secretary Lansdowne today, and informed him of the circular informally. Minister Hayashi, prior to his visit to Lord Lansdowne, said to the Associated Press: "The Japanese have not replied to innumerable allegations of breaches of neutrality and of international law charged by Russia since the beginning of the war, but the Japanese government probably will reply to this formal charge."

Baron Hayashi thought, however, that it was in line with other charges and similar to the "yellow peril." He said Great Britain, the United States and many all have given up the idea of China, and that the Japanese government probably will reply to this formal charge.

At the German embassy, a discussion of the Russian circular was productive of the opinion that China had had too severe a lesson in the Boxer movement to permit of another outbreak against Europeans. It was thought improbable at the embassy that Russia really intended to withdraw from adherence to the agreement regarding the zone of hostilities in the Far East. At the Chinese legation it was asserted that China had maintained a neutrality such as few European powers could have kept in the face of most trying circumstances.

"If China violated neutrality," it was asked, "what have Germany and France done? Why select China for such a formal charge to the powers? It is not a question of preference on the part of the Chinese population, for I assure you that a great many of the Chinese do not favor the Japanese any more than they do the Russians."

Washington, Jan. 14.—M. Takahira, the Japanese minister, had a long talk with Mr. Loomis, the acting secretary of state, today about Chinese neutrality and Russia's circular to the powers. It is believed that Japan will be greatly opposed to the suspension of the agreement of the belligerents to limit the zone of operations in the effort to adhere to Secretary Hay's request. There is already abundant evidence in diplomatic circles that the powers proposed to urge upon Russia informally, but none the less strongly, the universal menace that will be constituted by the upheaval in China that will certainly follow a violation of her neutrality by either of the belligerents.

EASTERN PASSENGER RATES.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—With the exception of the Michigan Central, all the railroads extending eastward from Chicago have decided to fix passenger rates absolutely by agreement. The Michigan Central has withheld its rate until the opinion of the general council regarding the legality of the agreement can be held.

Day's Doings At Ottawa

Cabinet Puts Finishing Touches to Estimates for Presentation This Week.

Vice Regal Drawing Room the Most Brilliant of Recent Functions.

Conference on Subject of Salmon Fishing Postpones Action.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The cabinet today put the finishing touches to the estimates. They will be brought down next week. A convention of Carleton Conservatives will be held next week to accept Mr. Kidd's resignation and select Mr. Borden as the candidate.

The Kettle River Railway Co. will authorize to build a branch from Qu'bec to the boundary line and from Fire Valley westerly.

The vice-regal drawing room, held in the senate chambers tonight, was the most brilliant event in the social life of Ottawa. Fourteen hundred people from all parts of Canada passed the throne. It took exactly two hours to make the presentations. His Excellency was in full court costume. Lady Grey was attired in a magnificent creation of blue silk with a train of black and white. Over one hundred officers in uniform lent color to the gathering. The band of the Foot Guards played several selections in the lobby during the evening.

J. Doig, J. Roach and A. C. Garvey have been appointed to customs clerkships at Vancouver.

Hon. R. Prefontaine and Hon. Senator Templeman had an interview with the British Columbia members, Dr. Bell, Irving, Robert Kerr and Mr. Anderson, representing the canners, were present. The subject discussed was to have a close salmon season in 1906 and 1908. The state of Washington agrees to do this, and it is necessary to have the matter decided at once, because the state legislature is in session and an act will have to be passed. Canada can do it by order-in-council. G. Riley, Victoria, received a telegram from the Board of Trade and others representing canner interests in Victoria, asking for a delay until a petition is received opposed to the close season. It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until Tuesday to give the opposing parties time to have their reasons wired to Ottawa.

TRANS-ATLANTIC RATES.

All Differences Between Companies Settled and New Schedule Issued.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—As a result of meetings held yesterday and today between Lord Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, and J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine, all differences have been reconciled and the lines will increase rates generally, commencing January 16. A circular has been issued to agents of both companies regarding raise in rates which will bring them approximately to the figures charged previous to the rate war. The revised steamer rates from Liverpool to New York will be \$30 for fast boats and \$28.80 for others. To Boston the steamer rate will be \$26.40. The second cabin rate will be \$13.75, with extra for fast boats and an equal reduction for the slowest vessels.

END OF A PETTY PRUSSIAN PRINCE

Carl of Lippe Detmold Maintained Royal Dignity to the Last.

Detmold, Principality of Lippe, Jan. 14.—Prince Carl Alexander of Lippe Detmold, who died yesterday in his asylum near Bayreuth, was surrounded by all the form of royalty, by gentlemen in waiting and servants who showed him the most exaggerated respect and kept up the illusion that he was indeed a sovereign. He took much pleasure in the maintenance of severe etiquette, read the newspapers daily, and seemingly kept track of the world's affairs and those of his own little principality, but he never permitted anyone to speak of them. He played chess often and was fond of music and theatrical productions. The prince was a calm-faced, handsome man, usually dressed in military uniform, except for certain excess of stateliness, gave no outward indication that he was weak-minded. The succession to the principality of Lippe Detmold is in progress of adjustment by an arbitration court. The death of Prince Carl Alexander does not affect the situation, unless the Lippe Detmold diet interposes.

DUTCH NEUTRALITY.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—Rear Admiral Inghelbre is starting hurriedly for the Dutch East Indies to take the command of the squadron there. He is charged with the maintenance of Dutch neutrality.

BANKER ARRESTED.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 14.—B. H. Schettler, a banker, was arrested tonight charged with accepting deposits after he knew his bank was insolvent. The extreme penalty in this state is five years in the penitentiary.

FREIGHT RATES LEGISLATION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt had a conference today with Secretary of War Taft and Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the inter-state and foreign commerce committee of the house regarding railroad freight rate legislation. At the conclusion of the conference Representative Hepburn said he had received a bill on the subject of railway rates which embodied the recommendations of the President so far as they went. Mr. Hepburn added that in a few days a conference would be held, probably at the White House, for the consideration of the bill he had prepared. "Do you think rate legislation will be enacted at the present session?" "I do most certainly," replied Mr. Hepburn.

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New Year At Russian Capital

Ceremonious Round of Calls In Spite of Lack of Court Reception.

Emperor Bestows Decorations on Grand Duke and the Pilgrims.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—On the occasion of the Russian New Year Emperor Nicholas bestowed on Grand Duke Sergius a portrait of Alexander III, to be worn on his breast with the ribbon of the order of St. Andrew. Prince John Obolensky, the governor-general of Finland, was given the Alexander Newsky order, set with brilliants. Minister Kokosoff has been appointed secretary of state and retains his present post. M. Wolkoff, governor of the Black Sea district, has been appointed mayor of Moscow.

Although the Emperor's regular New Year reception at the winter palace, which, in ordinary times, marks the formal opening of the year, was omitted, the ceremonious round of official and private visits consecrated by long tradition occurred as usual and filled the streets with animation. Sleights of every description were skimming in every direction over the glistening snow. Beyond these visits there were no festivities, society taking the cue from the court and dispensing with the customary gaiety.

New Year reviews by the latest newspapers admit frankly that the Japanese have the better of the war so far, but the whole tone of the press is summed up in the following statement in the Russ: "They have done well, but not well enough. They have entrenched themselves in Korea as though they were at home, have captured Port Arthur and made a conquest of most of southern Manchuria, but are face to face with a Russian army of equal numbers, and they are checked. The new year will show the Russian flag raised again along the borders of the warm water."

The Vremya alone comments on the China neutrality, and says that Secretary Hay's plan for the limitation of the war zone has broken down. China will not preserve her neutrality. In conclusion, the Novoe Vremya says it is a situation wherein Russia must no longer rely upon international diplomacy, but must take steps for her own protection.

SUSPECTED DYNAMITER.

Man With Infernal Machine Arrested at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Detectives from New York and Washington are expected here tomorrow for the purpose of identifying a certain man, who was arrested here yesterday with an infernal machine in his possession. Inspector McCluskey, of New York, was in communication today with Captain of Detectives Donaghy, of this city, and asked for 48 hours in which to prepare his claim for the prisoner, who the New York authorities are positive is the man who attempted to blow up the Cunard liner Umbria in May, 1903. Captain Donaghy notified the authorities of both cities to send representatives here, and said the prisoner would be turned over to the city presenting the strongest evidence. Rousseau's coolness and nerve does not desert him. He was anxious to get the morning newspapers, but they were refused him. He cannot be induced to answer a single question about himself. "I made a mistake," he said to Captain Donaghy today. "If you want to know anything about me you will help to find it out for yourself. I can't help you."

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT MONTREAL

Great Excitement Over Outbreak at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Great excitement prevailed in the city this morning when it was discovered that the Royal Victoria hospital, situated on the lower Mount Royal, was afire. Fortunately the firemen were able to confine the flames to the centre part of the building. The fire had broken out in the kitchen, but the flames were not under control until the extent of \$150,000 had been done. There was no necessity for removing the patients.

A sensation was caused here by the disappearance of Alexander McGrimman, a cattle dealer and manager of the Dalton Cattle Co. The books show a shortage from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and his method of operation was to make a shipment of cattle and only to account for half of it in his book.

COLORADO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 14.—The grand jury that has been investigating the alleged election frauds in Pueblo county late tonight returned forty-one indictments.

Cyclist Badly Injured.

Havana, Jan. 14.—Dr. Clark, known as Diavolo, a bicyclist, during a performance at Cienfuegos today was probably fatally injured. While alighting after a leap his bicycle broke, smashing his face and fracturing his skull.

LAKE SAILORS ASK ADVANCE.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the seamen's union here today a wage scale was prepared which will be presented to the vessel owners for the coming season of navigation. An advance of ten per cent. over last year's wage scale will be asked.

American Falls Dry.

Ice Run and Low Water Affect Niagara In Remarkable Manner.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 14.—A remarkable condition of affairs has prevailed at the falls the past two days. A heavy ice run and low water have almost blocked the American channel. The American falls are practically dry, and it has been possible to walk across from the mainland to Goat Island in the bed of the river. The Canadian falls are not affected.

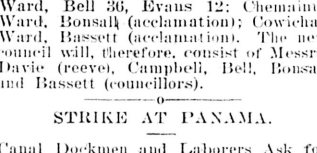
STRIKE AT PANAMA.

Canal Dockmen and Laborers Ask for Better Pay.

Colon, Jan. 14.—The canal dockmen and other laborers at San Cristobal have struck. The men have refused to work for a dollar and a half per day, demanding two dollars in silver, which is equal to \$1.00 in gold, which the Colon dockmen receive. The steamer Brewster, from Port Arthur, Texas, and the schooner Villa Vermaña, with cargoes aggregating seven hundred thousand feet of lumber, are lying idle at the San Cristobal docks. The local resident engineer, Charles List, today placarded: "All canal laborers involved in the strike who do not immediately report for work will not be re-employed anywhere on the canal works of the isthmus, and those occupying quarters belonging to the canal command will be required to vacate same at 4 o'clock today, otherwise the police will take the necessary steps to evict them." An effort is being made to bring Panama laborers to Colon to unload the ships. The number of strikers is about 200.

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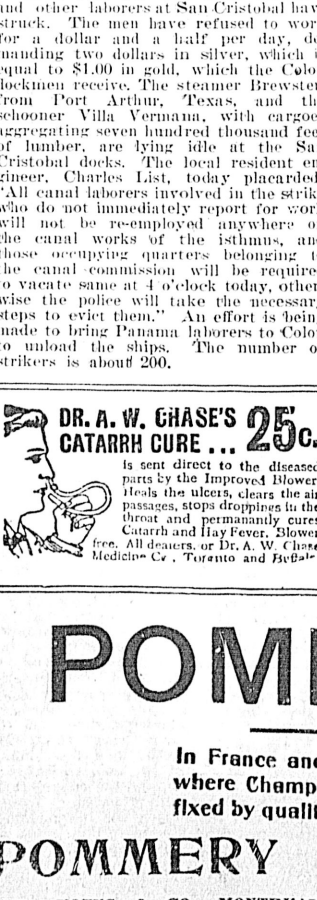


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Leopold Selis To Pierpont Morgan

Belgian King Disposes of Interests in the Chinese Railway.

American Capitalist Buys Into a Gigantic Railway Scheme.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Information from Brussels reaching the highest quarters here, shows it is the extensive interests of King Leopold in the Canton-Hankow railway which have passed into the hands of J. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

Negotiations on the subject had been going on for some time as it was contemplated to combine French, Belgian and American interests as to eventually cover the Franco-Belgian concession for a line from Pekin to Hankow, thus making a continuous line from Pekin to Canton, over 2,500 miles from north to south through the heart of populous China. The extent of this project is compared by those familiar with the negotiations with the transcontinental lines connecting New York and San Francisco. That portion of the project relating to Pekin and Hankow is still in abeyance, but the French view appears to be favorable to combine the interests so as to make a continuous route from the capital to the great emporium in the south. That portion relating to the Hankow-Canton railway is considered to have been already agreed upon, the interests, of which the personal holdings of King Leopold make up the largest part, to Mr. Morgan. This branch of the negotiations was conducted at Brussels. The concession of the Hankow-Canton railway was originally American and then passed under Belgian control. The line is about 1200 miles long, and the extension to Pekin will be about 1600 miles, a total of 2800 miles without counting the extensive spurs toward the Tientsin, Kio Chu and Shanghai valleys.

Reports from China show there is much native agitation against foreign railway enterprises. The authorities here fear this may interfere with the progress of development of French, Belgian and American interests. The native opposition is not confined to the ignorant classes. It includes Chinese capitalists who are interested in the earnings of the railroads. These have combined with the Portuguese concessionaire from Svatov to Chao-Chou, and its resistance to Japanese is cited as another evidence of the nation's opposition to European and American railway development. A curious feature is that the Chinese capitalists do not wish for complete control of the railroads, desiring sufficient foreign participants to ensure foreign governments preventing the extortion of Chinese officials. The French authorities are seeking to overcome the native opposition so as to permit a realization of the French branch of the extension projects.

BEAUTIFUL GOWNS.

Something About the Smart Toilettes at the Blandy-Vernon Wedding.

There are three things about the women of Victoria that impress the visitor, lady or gentleman, but more particularly the former, quite as much as anything in the itinerary so obligingly mapped out by Secretary Outbrett. Victoria's womenfolk are as a rule of regal physique, of regal countenance, and as a result of their intimate acquaintance with rational out-of-doors athletics; their complexions are natural and superb; and they know how to dress. There is, according to the buyers of the best dry goods and millinery who meet one in London or Paris or Berlin in the course of their purchasing, no city in Canada demanding finer fabrics or so strict attention to the mode. Last week both residents and visitors had opportunity of noting how well Victoria women dress, the Blandy-Vernon wedding at the Cathedral on a day of cloudless sunshine bringing out everyone who is anyone in her smartest frock. The bride's gown was of white tulle, with a train of beautiful old pearl lace, a family heirloom. Her bridesmaids wore frocks of pale blue crepe de chine with large blue picture hats, and the maids of honor wore dainty frocks of white. Mrs. Vernon, dressed in black, with a family heirloom of old Limerick lace and wonderful Brussels point, orange blossoms also being effectively employed, and a handsome veil of tulle completing the costume. As ornaments the bride wore a diamond star brooch and a quality beautiful old pearl watch, a family heirloom. Her bridesmaids wore frocks of pale blue crepe de chine with large blue picture hats, and the maids of honor wore dainty frocks of white. Mrs. Vernon, dressed in black, with a family heirloom of old Limerick lace and wonderful Brussels point, orange blossoms also being effectively employed, and a handsome veil of tulle completing the costume. 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\$1.40 Comforters for 75c	Real Elderdown Quilts
Wadded Comforters, size 60 by 72 inches, covered with dark chintz, regular value \$1.40.	60 by 72. Real Elderdown Quilts, covered with Art. Satin. Regular value \$4.50.
MONDAY..... 75c	MONDAY..... \$3.75
\$1.75 Comforters for \$1.25	\$6 Elderdown Quilts \$4.95
Extra Large Wadded Comforters, size 72 by 72 inches, covered with good English Art Muslin. Regular value \$2.25.	Extra Fine Art Satin Covered Quilts, filled with Real Elderdown. Regular value \$7.
MONDAY..... \$1.75	MONDAY..... \$5.95
Winter Jackets at Half and Less	

THE HUTCHESON CO., LTD., VICTORIA, B. C.

January 14th, 1905.

A Creditable Show Of Fowl

What Lady Expert Thinks About Poultry Exhibition Just Closed.

List of Winners of Special Prizes Donated by the Citizens of Victoria.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association closed last evening, and proved to be the finest exhibition of its kind ever held in this city. It was the largest in number of entries, and the greatest in number of varieties shown, including all standard and several non-standard varieties. It was also the largest in attendance, and the greatest in the number of premiums offered. The evening was highly satisfactory, and proved equal to the best the world's fair people did for housing their poultry.

The president, officers and members are to be congratulated on the brilliant success achieved by them, and the owners of the magnificent specimens of birds on exhibition are to be complimented on the result of their care and study in breeding up birds which are certainly worthy of a place in the front rank of any Eastern exhibition.

The poultry show is the stimulator, indeed, the life of the standard breed poultry industry, and no fancier can afford to neglect the advantages it offers. Indeed, even to the novice it is a veritable schoolroom teaching, by living example, the possibilities of poultry culture strikingly exemplifying the difference between the standard breed and a common barnyard fowl.

There was a time when poultry keeping was considered a woman's work, the farmer's wife attending to the chickens, fed with scraps from the kitchen and housing them anywhere; in this way gradually paying the family grocery. But now the poultry business is considered big enough for a man's business, offering opportunities for the full exercise of his best energies, and it still continues to offer the same, if not greater, opportunities to training women, who are every day proving themselves admirably adapted for the work of breeding, and caring for high-class stock. The individual well posted in the growth and development of the country, well knows that the poultry business plays an important part in its resources.

Victoria is eminently adapted for successful poultry raising, and the many chicken ranches lately started all give evidence of the fact that a demand for a high-class article is here; and no better market exists on the Pacific coast. We have men amongst us, and women, too, who are thoroughly up to date, who know how to produce a first-class article, as was evidenced by the display at our recent poultry show. We hope to see a still greater interest shown in this branch, still larger number of entries, and a keener competition at our next show.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, a special prize for the largest and best exhibit owned and exhibited by any one exhibitor. Won by M. Blackstock.

2. President's cup, value \$50; presented by Mr. H. E. Levy to the person exhibiting the largest number of birds scoring over 88½ points, bred and raised by the exhibitor (birds bought by the exhibitor cannot compete). The cup to be won (three before) becoming the property of the exhibitor. (Bantams barred.) Won by M. Blackstock.

3. Weller Bros.—Silver cup for the highest scoring exhibition pen. (Games and bantams barred.) Second, Fell & Co., Limited, growers, 6-point box ten, value \$2. Won by H. Hodgson.

4. P. Pemberton—\$2.50 cash, for highest scoring male bird in exhibition. (Games and bantams barred.) Second, one year's subscription to Inland Poultry Journal. First, D. Mainguy; second, H. Hodgson.

5. L. Goodacre & Son, bantams—\$2.50 cash for largest display of Leghorns to score 88 or over. Second, one year's subscription to Western Poultry Journal. First, M. Blackstock; second, S. T. Wood.

6. Shawinigan Lake Turbom Co.—\$2.50 cash for largest display of Orpingtons to score 88 or over. Second, one year's subscription to American Poultry Journal. First, S. T. Wood; second, W. J. Quick.

7. Shottolt & Horne, feed store—\$2.50 cash for largest display of Rocks to score 88 or over. Second, one year's subscription to Reliable Poultry Journal. First, Mrs. E. Hodgson; second, Malchin & Hodgson.

8. R. Hall, M. P. P.—\$2.50 cash for largest display of Wyandottes to score 88 or over. Second, one year's subscription to Inland Poultry Journal. First, J. S. Flett.

THEY MEAN IT

No one should suffer a moment longer with Piles for Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid will cure any case.

A guarantee for \$100.00 goes with every package of the Hem-Roid.

No matter what kind you have, Blind, Bleeding, Internal, External, Itching, or Strangling, Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid will cure you.

This is a strong statement, but it is supported by a thousand testimonials from those who have been permanently cured by Hem-Roid.

If you are not cured you get your money back. \$100 at Druggists or The Wilson-Kyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

\$1.50, for heaviest goose. Won by Mrs. A. E. Richards.

50. J. T. Tennant, grocery—Sack of flour for the best display of ducks. Won by Mrs. A. E. Richards.

51. Moore & Whittington—Step ladder, value \$1.50, for best collection of rabbits. Second, one year's subscription to Reliable Poultry Journal. First, W. D. Edwards; second, H. C. Taylor.

52. John's Bros., grocers—Jardiniere, value \$2, for the best collection of turkeys. Won by Malchin & Hodgson.

53. Clayton & Costa—Bicycle pump, value \$1, for the best collection of rabbits. Second, one year's subscription to the Canadian Poultry News. Won by J. W. Howell.

54. B. C. Electric Railway Co., Limited—One dollar's worth of car tickets to each of the following: Best long-haired cat (male), Miss M. Nason; best short-haired cat (male), Mr. S. M. Jones; best short-haired cat (female), A. P. Richards; best pair kittens, Miss E. Reade.

55. Miss Edith Reade, breeder of Angora cats, Ipsden House, Mount Tolupe P. O.—\$2 cash for finest tabby cat in show. Won by Miss Richards.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE HUNG.

Tuesday's Contest.

Every admirer of the many art of self-defence should visit the Edison theatre on Tuesday night and see the boxing match between G. McNamee and J. S. Mody, the prize of the garrison at Work Point, and Prof. Hornbuckle, of Vancouver. The Professor will endeavor to stop the soldier in ten rounds. The contest is for \$50 a side. This bout is attracting a great deal of attention, as it is expected to be a hot contest. Prof. Hornbuckle will weigh 155 pounds, and his opponent will weigh 155 pounds. The Professor admits that he has his work cut out, but thinks he can do the trick. McNamee is what is known as a "terror." Nothing will stop him, and the more punishment he gets the harder he fights. One of his training stunts is to hang up a bag of sand and proceed to whiff away an hour or so by vigorously punching it. His favorite amusement, however, is to pick out ten of his regulars and have a 10-round boxing contest. The conditions are that McNamee fights a fresh man every round. As night he expects the soldiers here puts the sturdy soldier into grand condition, and he expects to give Prof. Hornbuckle a desperate struggle on Tuesday night.

McNamee is a champion bout between D. Westbury, J. B. A. A., the champion middleweight of British Columbia, and very skilled event. Westbury is a clever boxer and a hard hitter. Sgt. Dunn also has a hard punch, and his long experience makes him a dangerous opponent. The preliminary will start at 8:30, and the main event will be put on directly afterwards.

Boxing at Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The boxing match held at Ladysmith today was a short-lived one. It is doubtful if a shorter contest has ever been held in the province than that which took place between Bert Clark of Dunsmuir, who claims Glasgow as his home. The two men shook hands and fought for two minutes, then the 24-foot ring, and he was quite deaf to the count. It was a solar plexus blow that did the work. Clark swung, and the other man hit the ground. There was no second round. The crowd was a small one.

BASKETBALL.

Cloverdale vs. Fernwoods.

On Monday night the Fernwoods and Cloverdale teams will try conclusions at the Fernwoods hall in junior and intermediate matches. The following will play for the Fernwoods: Junior—D. Todd and A. Robson (captain); guards—H. Lory, centre—G. Campbell and A. Baines, forwards—Intermediate—G. Lyall (captain) and H. Neelands, guards; B. Rogers, forwards. The play will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and at the conclusion of these matches the seniors are requested to be on hand for another contest.

A Challenge.

The employees of Wilson Bros., the wholesale grocers, wish to challenge any other firm in the city to a basketball match.

Victoria West Won.

The Victoria West senior basketball team defeated Ladysmith at the smelter town last night with a score of 23 points to 17. The game was a hard contested and both teams played a hard game.

No. 5 Co. vs. Cloverdale.

Games were played between No. 5 Co. and Cloverdale, intermediate and junior, in the drill hall last night before a large and enthusiastic crowd. The No. 5 Co. were outplayed at all points by the Cloverdales, the junior score standing 14 to 4 and the intermediate 12 to 4. This makes four straight victories for the No. 5 Co. over the Cloverdale team. The junior also has two wins and two losses to their credit. The following played for the best scoring team: J. Dakers and C. Cousins, forwards; C. Chislett, centre. For the juniors: G. Coughlan and N. Owens, forwards; E. Harris and C. Coughlan, guards; B. Graham, centre.

HANDBALL.

Championship Tournament.

The J. B. A. A. championship doubles tournament will commence tomorrow, and the first game will be played as soon as possible. The entries are as follows: J. Hunter and J. Leuzinger, R. Peden and K. Hughes, S. West and R. Smith, E. C. Pether and J. Sutherland, A. D. Bell and J. Philson, R. Woods and D. Mowat, J. Hart and K. Gillespie. The teams are in strong shape, and the games will pack the gymnasium.

THE HUNT.

No Run Yesterday.

The weekly run of the Victoria Hunt club was not held yesterday on account of the inclement weather, but an enjoyable run was held on the previous Saturday. Those who took part were Mr. and Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. Bland, Miss Violet Pooley, Capt. Popham, Lieut.-Col. English, Messrs. P. Garnett, T. Pooley, and W. T. Williams.

United Service Golf Club.

The monthly league competition was played on Thursday, 12th inst. The superior attractions of skating reduced the entries to a very small number. The scores were:

Hide, Result.

Major H. Bland, R.E., 25 All sq.

Lieut. H. H. Foll, R.E., 14 9 down

Lieut. P. Ellison, R.E., 18 10 down

Capt. H. S. Wright, A.S., 18 10 down

Lieut. Hon. F. G. Hood, R. E. 330, 100 Yards, R. E. 330—No return.

Major Bland wins the sweepstakes.

BILLIARDS.

A Brilliant Victory.

G. Routledge, a gallant blue-jacket from H. M. S. Bonaventure, gained a brilliant victory over E. Cave in the Drifted ball tournament last night. The scores were 21 points to 10. Routledge started from scratch, while Cave received 30. There was a large crowd in attendance, and Routledge's play was very much admired. He made a number of most difficult shots, some of his cannons being very pretty. Cave started off well, and reached 18 points when he was very much behind. Routledge then added 25 points with a very nice break. Cave could not score and Routledge reached 100 and went on to 122 in 12 minutes. Routledge's play was so good that he was awarded a prize. The navy men scored steadily, 18-36, 20-91, and 25-100, followed in quick succession, and at 2:30 Routledge completed 21 points with 10 minutes to spare. He finally ran out 300-100. Followers of the game hope to see Routledge matched against the redoubtable B. J. Perry. This would be a special treat for the club. The winner would have to play the game of his life.

THE RIFLE.

Regular Shoot.

The following scores were made at the regular weekly gallery shoot of the High School Cadets yesterday morning: Bantam, 21; Walters, 21; Kent, 19; Sears, 17; Angus, 10; King, 10; Rollin, 15; Trace, 15; Robson, 15; Eford, 15; Spencer, 15; Procter, 15; W. B. Richards, 14; Norris, 13; McGregor, 13; Bora, 13.

HOCKEY.

Victoria's T. S. Duncans.

Hockey enthusiasts are looking forward to the match at Oak Bay next Saturday between the Victoria Intermediates and Duncans. The game is expected to be close and exciting. The Victoria Intermediates are all clever stick handlers, and they intend to put up a hard fight against the visitors, who are experienced English players.

Ladies' Game.

The Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club has invited the Nanaimo ladies' club to play the Victoria 2nd team here on the 28th inst. The game will take place at Oak Bay.

Ottawa Victorians.

The Ottawa hockey team defeated the all-Klondike team at Ottawa on Friday, by 9 goals to 2.

Klondike Captain.

Vancouver, Jan. 14.—"Waddy" C. Young, captain of the all-Klondike hockey team, arrived this morning from Dawson and immediately proceeded east to join the third game of the inter-collegiate hockey series tonight. Harvard easily surpassed Columbia in team work.

GOLF.

The Britisher Won.

Pinehurst, N. Y., Jan. 14.—The second annual midwinter golf tournament ended today. Walter J. Travis, the British champion, defeating W. Fownes, of Pittsburg, 1 up on the last hole. The medal play scores were only two strokes apart, 156 rounds. The contest is for \$50 a side. A. Aborn, of Philadelphia, won the second division, or President's cup. H. W. Smedley, of Ardmore, won the third division, or treasurer's cup. W. S. Medley, of Philadelphia, fourth division, or captain's cup. The consolation trophies went to H. C. Fownes and D. Dorchester, of Pittsburg. The tournament ended today.

Local News.

Social Dance.—The Fernwood social dance committee will meet on Monday night (tomorrow) at 8 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Song Services.—The Y. M. C. A. is addressing an invitation to men to attend song services held in the parlors of the association every Sunday evening, commencing at 8:30 p. m.

The Police Court.—Chas. Young, who is charged with passing worthless cheques, was brought before Police Magistrate Hall in the police court yesterday morning. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded until tomorrow morning.

Deal Put Through.—News comes from Vernon that the big Shattford land deal has gone through all right. Says the Vernon News: "W. T. Shattford and L. W. Shattford, M. P. P., came in yesterday on their return from a business trip to the east. The latter passed right through to Fairview. Mr. W. T. Shattford informs us that everything in connection with the Ellis deal is in a most satisfactory shape, the full amount required has been subscribed by some of the most reliable and conservative business men of Canada, and arrangements will be made to put the Petitioner portion of the estate on the market at the earliest possible date."

Shipwrights' Association.—The annual election of officers of the Shipwrights' Association resulted as follows: President, Wm. Thompson; vice-president, D. J. Kelly; recording secretary, T. H. Piper; treasurer, Wm. Atkins; trustees for three, two and one years respectively: Ed. Kermode, Geo. Monteth and Geo. McNeill. The foregoing constitute the executive board for the transaction of business and for the trial of violators of the association's bylaws. Bros. Kelly and Geo. Monteth were elected delegates to the Trades and Labor Council. The retiring officers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks by their grateful brothers. The relations between employer and employed during the past year were thoroughly harmonious, both realizing the advantage of cordial co-operation.

Musical Festival Chorus.—In view of the postponement of the Cycle of Musical Festivals until 1906 it has been suggested that it would be desirable to keep the Festival Chorus together during the present winter by studying some work, and giving a performance thereof in the spring. It is thought that this would enable the conductor and chorus to become acquainted and be a good preparation for the big festival in 1906. "The Messiah" has been suggested for this season, but a final decision will be arrived at on Wednesday evening next, when the chorus will be asked to vote on the selection of the work. All who wish to sing in the chorus are specially requested to attend the rehearsal next Wednesday at the First Presbyterian schoolroom, corner Pandora avenue and Blenheim street, at 8 p. m.

When washing, greasy dishes or pots, pans, Lezer's Dry Soap (a powder) will save a great deal of scrubbing.

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That it's a poor day in the newspaper office when the boys cannot find a Russian say.

That its name is mud now.

That the expression, "Oh, slush," did not originate locally.

MONEY TIGHT.

The money market is tight just now and a great many of the local merchants are complaining that it is hard to collect.

Messrs. B. Williams & Co., the large Yates street clothiers, are particularly short of ready money just at this season and are in consequence offering goods at "slaughter prices" for cash.

"Slaughter prices" with B. Williams & Co. mean prices cut in half and cash customers needing anything in the clothing or furnishing line should not miss this chance.

Boys' suits, overcoats, raincoats and reefers are being sold at half price for cash and boys needing any of the above articles should urge their parents to buy now as "half price" suits, etc., are sometimes read about, but very seldom seen. Men's raincoats, overcoats, suits and pants are also on the "slaughter" list as soon as to be made for the new "seam-ready" goods which are beginning to arrive.

Odd lines of underwear, "line-mesh" underwear, "Dr. Jaeger's" underwear and several lines of winter underwear are also to be cleared out at half price and this is the chance of a lifetime for all wearers of underwear. Soft and stiff hats are also being offered at half-price and wearers of "fids" should not forget that this is the time to get one for half the regular price.

All goods are marked in plain figures and the "half price" feature will be patent to everyone as no deception is practiced, the prices being actually cut in half as advertised.

BORDEN'S PEERLESS

Brand Evaporated Cream is preserved without sugar. It is sterilized according to latest sanitary methods, having a delicate flavor and richness which makes it the favorite of the breakfast table for cereals, coffee, tea and chocolate. Avoid unknown brands.

New Books constantly being received by Hibben & Co.

Eat your Sunday dinner at the Driford.

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Brand Evaporated Cream is preserved without sugar. It is sterilized according to latest sanitary methods, having a delicate flavor and richness which makes it the favorite of the breakfast table for cereals, coffee, tea and chocolate. Avoid unknown brands.

New Books constantly being received by Hibben & Co.

Eat your Sunday dinner at the Driford.

What Some People Say

That it's a poor day in the newspaper office when the boys cannot find a Russian say.

That its name is mud now.

That the expression, "Oh, slush," did not originate locally.

MONEY TIGHT.

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HENRY YOUNG & CO'S

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Seasonable Bargains for Monday

Girls' Waterproof Coats

Worth from \$3.50 to \$5.00, sale price each.....\$1.50

Bed Comforters

Regular price \$1.75, sale price each.....\$1.00

Regular price \$1.50, sale price each.....\$1.00

Regular price \$1.25, sale price each.....85c

Flannelette Corset Covers

Flannelette Corset Covers, sale price each.....25c

Flannellette Drawers

Flannelette Drawers, regular \$1, sale price pair.....65c

Flannelette Drawers, regular 65c, sale price pair.....40c

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FREE ELECTRIC SUSPENSORY FOR WEAK MEN.

This Electric Suspensory carries the current direct to the weak parts and cures all weakness of men, varicocele, etc. No case of failing Vigor, Varicocele or Debility can resist the powerful Electric Suspensory. It never fails to cure. It is free with Belts for weak men.

If you are weak why not enlist on the roll of strong men? I can give you the needed relief.

DON'T DELAY. No matter what ails you there is a cure for you in nature's remedy—Electricity. The greatest cures on record have been performed by this famous Belt, and it is recognized to-day as the greatest remedial agent known to mankind. It cures every form of weakness, restores the fire and vigor of youth, cures all forms of Nervous Diseases, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Rheumatism, Scleritis, Varicocele, Lumbago and many other complaints, after every known system of medical treatment has failed.

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Every weak man wants to feel young again! To realize the joyous sparkle of nerve life as it infuses the body with its glowing vitality; to feel the magnetic enthusiasm of youthful energy; to be happy, light-hearted and full of joyous impulses; to be free from spells of despondency, from brain-wandering, from the dull, stupid feeling; to have confidence, self-esteem and the admiration of men and women! Such is the wish of the broken-down man, and it may be gratified.

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OUR POSITION ON THE SEA-BOARD.

Two important reports appeared in the Colonist yesterday morning, one of the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade of Victoria, and the other of an interview with Mr. R. P. Rithet. Taken together they are interesting reading. Mr. Rithet shows that he has not lost his old-time faith in Victoria. The conditions which induced him years ago to invest heavily in the outer docks and to promote a railway which would have its terminus in Victoria are still unaltered, and he looks forward as confidently as ever to see his strong hopes of the future realized. There has been some change in the situation, it is true. The proposal to build the British Pacific is no longer a live issue, but sooner or later the Canadian Northern will come through the Yellowhead Pass and will seek Victoria as its terminus. It is also possible as well that the Grand Trunk Pacific will seek a southern outlet for its railway in order to be placed in a more favorable position in relation to the traffic of the Pacific Coast States. If the managers of that enterprise do not build a branch of their line southward they will undoubtedly have steamship connections with this port by way of Vancouver Island. This, taken in connection with the large iron deposits on Vancouver Island and the conditions favorable to iron smelting, the large copper mining industry that is likely to be developed, and the extensive fruit and timber industries, which will be important factors of the future, is sufficient upon which to base hopes of a bright future commercially for Victoria, and a large share of prosperity for all the coast cities. Every citizen was glad to see Mr. Rithet express his views in the confident manner in which he did. It is a proof that the property which we have been enjoying in the way of business, in building, and in large civic improvements is founded on hopes of a substantial character shared in by men of wide business experience and large interests.

One factor in the importance of Victoria as a seaport is undoubtedly the harbor at Esquimalt. Now that it has been given up as a naval station of the Imperial Government it can be utilized to splendid advantage commercially. The move to have the drydock there extended or a new one built is eminently a wise one. The present structure is wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of Pacific Coast shipping, not to speak of the ships of war that will come to the coast from time to time during the visits of the flying squadron. In this connection some interesting facts were set out by Mr. Lugin as to our relative importance on the seaboard. It has been frequently pointed out of late that the pivotal point of transcontinental traffic on the northwest coast is a small range of coast line including Puget Sound, Burrard Inlet, Victoria and Esquimalt and Barkley Sound. Every one of the existing transcontinental lines have termini somewhere there, and the new lines in prospect will undoubtedly find it also necessary to seek this point of greatest convergence of traffic. We have also the nearness of the Orient in our favor as against seaports south and easier railway gradients from the east through our Rockies. The latter is a factor, which is being recognized by railway men as of increasing importance, and was laid great stress upon by Mr. Hays during his visit to Victoria last fall.

So far, the Fates have not indicated where the big city of the Northwest coast is to be, or even the factors that are to decide its greatest importance. Victoria, though it has not made as much progress as some of its rivals, has still the opportunities in its favor of becoming that city, or at least of becoming one of the largest cities of the coast. The matter lies very largely in the hands of the people themselves.

FISCAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. H. N. Foss, whose published address before the Canadian Club at Boston, was reviewed recently in the Colonist, has been in Toronto, where he addressed the Empire Club on the subject of fiscal relations between Canada and the United States. He belongs to an organization in the Eastern States, whose object is to promote reciprocity. This reminds us of the time when Erasmus Wiman, acting in concert with some Canadian friends, was at the head of a movement for Commercial Union. So successful was he that he practically secured the co-operation and support of the Liberal party of Canada, and two general elections were fought with this as an issue. In one campaign it was fought under the name of "Commercial Union and in the other of "Unrestricted Reciprocity." The latter was supposed to be a less objectionable title, but we have never yet had a satisfactory explanation of the difference of principles involved. Mr. Foss, who is apparently on sufficiently confidential relations with President Roosevelt, to speak confidently in his name, comes to us in a less objectionable way than did Erasmus Wiman and with a more reasonable proposition. Conditions have very much changed since the dangerous propaganda of Wiman was on foot. In those days the United States would have nothing to do with the advances made by Canada as a British colony. The policy of the United States government was one of irritation and cold-shoulder, with a view to forcing us into an unconditional surrender. It was supposed that the natural destiny of Canada was union with the United States, and that commercial relations with the latter was one of the essentials of our existence. All this has now been changed. Canada kept on in her own way, developed her own markets through Protection, cultivated trade relations with Great Britain, and

improved her means of communication east and west. She is now in a position to be sought by the neighbors who once scorned her advances. Canada has wheat and eggs and butter and many other articles in the line of natural products, which the United States with her rapidly increasing home consumption requires. Naturally they seek reciprocity on a profitable basis. Mr. Foss says it should be on lines of advantage to both. That is to say, we should seek to sell each to the other free of restrictions those things that can be produced to the best advantage on one side of the line or the other and which the respective markets show to be in demand. For instance, the United States buys largely from Canada in hay, wood pulp, fish, hides, sheep and so forth, while we buy much more largely from them than we sell to them in the way of horses, breadstuffs, coal, fruits and the like. Already there is a trade of \$55,000,000 in these natural products, which, unhampered, would be largely increased. Mr. Foss holds that tariff restrictions in articles required of each other are of no possible benefit to either, and are an absolute injury to those who buy and those who sell. President Roosevelt, we are informed, is a much better friend to Canada than we have hitherto had any idea, and that while the result of the Presidential elections was an endorsement of the protective policy it was not an endorsement of its abuses. The United States has reached the dividing point, and the tendency now is, if anything, towards a change, and Canada and Newfoundland are in view as starting points. Some progress has been made already, in that Sir Wilfrid has agreed to meet representatives from the other side of the line and discuss the details of a reciprocity treaty. Canadians, however, are not now so keen on reciprocity as they once were, and it is very doubtful if the negotiations will prove successful. There is a very easy way for the United States to get what products of ours they require, and that is by taking the duty off on their side. The result might be so beneficial to Canada as to induce her Government to seek for further concessions. In the meantime, it is not likely that the advances of the United States will be favorably met. Canada has not forgotten her treatment by the United States during her years of struggle, and now that she is getting along nicely under the new conditions which she has created for herself there will be but little disposition to rush into any new arrangement between the two governments.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

The elections in Ontario are being waged with a vigor and feeling that are unknown in contests in British Columbia. The newspapers are discussing the situation in columns of space each day, and the ingenuity of the paragrapher is being worn very thin trying to say something new and crushing. There is nothing very definite to be surmised as to the result, although indications point to the defeat of the Ross Government. A good many prominent Liberals and Independents have taken a side against it as a protest against the methods which have been employed in elections, and which have brought much disgrace on the Liberal party in Ontario and upon the Province as a whole. Hon. G. W. Ross, the Premier, is making a desperate fight, and, needless to say, that the principal attack is being directed against him. One of the most effective methods used to a great extent during the campaign has been that of cartooning in the newspapers. Two of the most notable of the cartoonists employed are Sam Hunter in the Toronto World and H. McConnell in the Toronto News. The latter introduces with good effect in each of his pictures a cartoon, showing an old war horse hoisted up in a sling, and bearing the legend: "I have been 32 years in the saddle." The bitterness, too, with which the discussion is carried on would make most British Columbia editors blush. An instance of this was an "exposure" in the Globe of Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition, who, after a meeting in Napanea, and after hours, took a glass of Scotch whiskey in his hotel room. Hon. G. W. Ross, the Premier, at the beginning of the campaign, was flirting with the Prohibitionists, and at one time thought of making it an issue; but some of the leading Prohibitionists did not think he was sincere and are supporting Mr. Whitney, to have caught whom in the aforesaid act was very sweet revenge, indeed. Each side has its out and dried campaign platform, but the issue upon which the election is being fought is mainly the corruption exposed in recent election trials. The Liberals point to the 32 years of administration, during which Ontario has progressed; and the Conservatives point to the fact of such long time in power as being in itself the strongest reason for a change. The weakest point in the Conservative armor is the fact that Gagey, celebrated through exposures he made in the House on account of money that was paid to buy him over to the Liberal side, is taking a prominent part in the election, and the electors at large are not quite sure that his skirts were wholly clean in the transaction referred to. Mr. Whitney has been forced to deny that it is the intention to take him into the Cabinet as Minister of Mines, in case of his succeeding in defeating Mr. Ross. Although the campaign has many disagreeable features, and the people of Ontario ought to be heartily glad to see it through with.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA—THE DIFFERENCE.

Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian trade agent in Australia, has contributed a letter to the Sydney Morning Herald, which has been favorably commented on by the editor of that paper. In the letter in question he points out the difference in the conditions in the countries, which account for prosperity in the one and not in the other. His reasons are interesting. In both countries there has been a similarity of policy in many respects. Both are strongly Imperialistic, and both under a system of Protection have given a preference to Great Britain in their markets. There is a similarity in the character of the people, and Australia has imitated Canada in important respects. The trade of New South Wales and the population of New South Wales, for instance, in-

creased for a long time in a greater ratio than they did in Canada, but it is pointed out that there are weak spots in her development, both industrial and political. One of the strong points in Canadian development is that the exports of Canada have increased nearly three times as rapidly as her population, and a country which can do that, the Morning Herald concludes, is in a very healthy condition. The Morning Herald does not, however, attribute our success to Protection, but to the enormous areas of land brought under cultivation, and what it concludes that Australia has to copy from Canada is not its "political vagaries" but its occupation and settlement of territory. It is pointed out that if the population of Sydney were added to that of Melbourne the two together would represent a third of Australia, and therein lies the weakness of that commonwealth. Of course, when the Morning Herald refers to our system of protection it is arguing from conditions which exist in Australia. It does not lie alongside of a nation like the United States to swamp its industries with "dumped" goods. Canada was compelled, as a matter of self-preservation, to adopt a policy of protection, which so far it has not regretted. The comparison of greatest interest is in the following:

"What the people want is freedom from the harassing restrictions imposed by the politicians in the shape of protection, arbitration, minimum wage and state meddling generally."

"Of all these weights," the Morning Herald says, "the Canadian carry much less than the people of Australia, and they are likewise much less heavily burdened with the cost of federal and local governments. They have been reared in industrial and politically under harder conditions, and have consequently grown into a self-reliant Dominion that commands the confidence of creditors. Australia for many years have been coddled on the luxuries of borrowed money. Certainly they can boast of a Sydney and Melbourne, beside which Montreal and Ottawa are not to be compared. But until Australia and her industries assimilate more nearly to Canada and to Canadian industries we shall not regain the comparatively greater measure of credit we once enjoyed in the money markets of the world. Mr. Carruthers and his proposed annual addition of £1,000,000 to the already huge debt of this State will only widen the difference. Mr. Larke is correct in his statement that on the whole our resources are greater than those of Canada; but we must imitate Canadians more closely in developing them if we are to have prosperity like theirs."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MOUNTAIN GRADES.

Sir—In your report of my observations as to the proposed road I registered I said that British Columbia ports had an advantage over some southern ports by reason of the lower grades across the mountains existing between 3,000 and 5,000 feet in our favor. I think these are the figures I mentioned; but they are not correct. I was making a little mental calculation at the time and gave the wrong figures. What I meant to say was "from 2,000 to 3,000 feet," which is enough for all practical purposes. I notice also that in one place your report makes me say that we own 60 degrees of latitude on this coast, and in another place 6 degrees. The latter is the correct number.

CHARLES H. LUGNIN.

January 14.

PLUMING.

Sir—Your correspondent "Sigma" calls attention to the apparent evil of pluming at the polls, and maintains that each voter should cast his vote for three candidates or lose his vote. Allow me to suggest, as an amendment, that each voter should be limited to vote for one candidate, the person best qualified in his estimation, to fill the appointment. When he votes for three, he gives his right, he votes first for the person he considers best, and seven cases upon two which, spoils the value of his vote. I am not sure that in the case of election is indifferent. The three persons (as at present) receiving the largest number of votes, in that case, truly represent the choices of the electors. They would then be no discrimination, but pure and simple election by suffrage. People were brought up in habits to plump for one candidate, and by others selected at the doors to mark their ballots for one person. Place them all on the same level—one the vote, then we should get the true voice of the people, against which there could be no complaint.

THOS. C. SORBY.

THE LIBRARIANSHIP.

Sir—In the first place I wish it to be thoroughly understood that I am not an aspirant nor have I any friends who are aspirants to the position of city librarian. I am a student of the subject, and I have for once the right person in the right place. Too long has this city been the victim of wire-pullers, who do not hesitate to tramp the streets for signatures which they obtain from ratepayers who sign without regard to the qualifications of the applicant for the position, or the result. We won't get it any more. Hundreds will apply within the next few weeks for the position of librarian, and the council will be besieged with entreaties for support. Why "let's see" and "let's see" and "let's see" anybody who can read and write may occupy. This is the general opinion with the applicants, and consequently the council will be besieged with entreaties for support. I desire to call the attention of the new council to what I consider important among other essential qualifications:

LIBER.

1. The librarian should be a university, college or high school graduate, with special marks in literature.

2. Should have had some experience in a large library, where the modern methods of indexing, etc., are used.

3. A person of excellent character and a clean record.

THE TRUSTEE ELECTIONS.

Sir—The result of Thursday's election of school trustees affords considerable food for thought, and it might not prove uninteresting to point out a few of the lessons which the result teaches. In the first place, it is worthy of note that the candidate who declared himself in favor of imposing a fee on pupils attending the High School was left at the foot of the poll, while the three candidates who were elected by the voters were all graduates, all declared themselves as being emphatically opposed to the imposition of any such a fee. This ought to settle that question for all time. There is no need of a university, college or high school graduate, with special marks in literature. In the next place, it is worthy of note also that the candidate who in his public address, and in several letters to the press, declared himself in favor of making the High School more practical, Mr. Huggert, was returned at the head of the poll, beating a candidate like Mr. Gagey, who was a high school graduate. All who voted for Mr. Huggert had ample opportunity of knowing what his views are, and he was elected. He wants to become an aid to other occupations besides that of teaching. And

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The electors of the city have endorsed his views and returned him at the head of the poll in order that he might be in a position to work along these lines. It is to be hoped that he will have the sympathy and co-operation of his colleagues in his endeavors.

Mr. Riddell made a very favorable impression wherever he appeared during the campaign. He showed himself to be a sensible man with sound and progressive views on educational matters, and no doubt he would have made a useful member of the board; but he was handicapped by being opposed by three very strong and popular candidates. It will be his turn to win next year.

PARENT.

INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY.

Toronto News. Mr. P. D. Ross, editor and proprietor of the Ottawa Journal, has consented to run as a Conservative candidate in the present election. The Ottawa Journal is an independent newspaper, and no doubt the fact that its editor has taken the field as a Conservative candidate will be a great asset to the paper's independence. But there is really nothing inconsistent in the course of Mr. Ross. Some people and it difficult to understand why he should not be independent and neutrality, and many are inclined to judge an independent paper as if it set up a claim to neutrality. But there is a wide difference between independence and neutrality. The neutral paper refrains from taking sides; the independent paper claims the right to support either side or neither as its judgment directs.

OUR "PROTECTOR."

London Times. The country follows the procedure of the lobster. At intervals the lobster casts his shell, and until a few more grows he is absolutely helpless and has to conceal himself in a hole. That is our case, only we have no sheltering hole. We get an equipment, usually in a hurry and at abnormal cost. We take no note of what science is doing, until some fine day we discover that our equipment is so worthless for defence as Nelson's wooden walls would be against a modern iron-clad. Then we appoint a committee, which discovers a number of things previously known to all other nations, we provide ourselves with new shells, lucky if policy attacks us in the meantime, and then we go to sleep again.

THE NEW DAIRY COMMISSIONER. Montreal Herald.

The Department of Agriculture is fortunate in being able to call to the aid of the dairy industry so competent a man as Prof. J. A. Riddell, whose appointment as Dominion dairy commissioner is announced. Prof. Riddell has the advantage of wide personal acquaintance among dairymen of all parts of the country, and by reason of his long and intimate knowledge of the industry in Canada is peculiarly fitted for the position. He has already done much valuable educational work among dairymen and has been successful in checking and butting up improvements in cheese and butter making, in methods of packing, and improved transportation, etc., have been in a measure due to his foresight and energy. Mr. Riddell brings to the discharge of his new duties the fruits of long years of study of the requirements of the industry both locally and as affecting export trade, and with a valuable experience gained as dairy commissioner of New Zealand for some years, his administration may be expected to be progressive and energetic.

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A CLEVER CASE.

A story is told of a speech recently made by an attorney. He was for the plaintiff, whose cow had been knocked down and killed by a train, and this was the contention:

"If the train had been run as it should have been run, or if the cow had been run as it should have been run, or if the whistle had been blown, of which I did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

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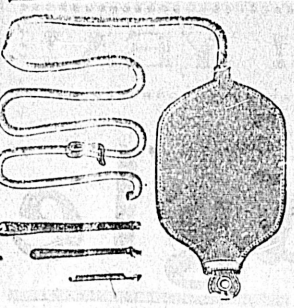
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LOCAL NEWS.

St. Barnabas' Social.—The third social event will be held at St. Barnabas' church on Tuesday evening next. All friends are cordially invited.

The Tuesday Club.—The Tuesday Club will hold its regular meeting at the Alexandra Club on Tuesday next, at 4 p. m., the subject being "Humor."

Pacific Club.—The annual general meeting of the Pacific Club will be held in their club rooms, corner Fort and Broad streets, on Tuesday, January 17, at 8 p. m.

The Great Crisis.—In A. O. U. W. hall at 8:30 o'clock, St. Barnabas' church will speak on "The Great Crisis That Is Before Nations and Individuals Almost on Us."

Rev. Mr. Sippell.—Rev. W. J. Sippell, B. D., of New Westminster, president of the B. C. Conference of the Methodist church, will preach in Central Methodist church this morning and evening.

Socialist Lecture.—J. M. Cameron will address the propaganda meeting of the Socialist party in the Crystal Palace this evening at 8 o'clock, taking for his subject, "Ancient Peru, its government and social conditions."

Week Night Meetings.—Meetings will be held at the old Temperance hall, Pandora street, each night this week except Tuesday and Saturday, commencing at 7:45 p. m. Mr. Stack, of England, and Mr. Duncan, of Cleveland, will preach the Gospel each night.

Pastor's Lecture.—This evening the Rev. Dr. Campbell will give a lecture in First Presbyterian church on "The Church in the Catacombs." The catacombs at Rome are among the wonders of the world. The living and the dead met here during the persecutions of the early Christian church.

The Snow Going.—Under a gentle rain, the snow which covered the city with a mantle of white on Friday, yesterday was made to rapidly disappear and the sleighing and skating proved but the dream of a day. The shoe stores did a rousing business in the sale of rubbers.

Returns on Tuesday.—A letter from Mr. H. G. Robinson says he will be here Tuesday morning to deliver all stock purchased from him, as announced in his telegram from New York some ten days ago. Mr. Robinson deserves credit for the prompt delivery of the stock, which is a very considerable amount was bought in Victoria.

Duck Shooters' Outing.—A duck shooting party is being arranged for a trip to Discovery Island in the near future. A steamer will be engaged and a number of boats taken along. Sportsmen who are desirous of going can obtain full information at W. H. Adams' sporting goods store, 104 Government street.

Municipal Politics.—It is freely mentioned amongst Liberals of the city that Dr. Lewis Hall, who was elected at the head of the poll in North Ward at the recent municipal contest, will be a candidate for the position of mayor next year. It is also asserted with much glee by the Grits that party lines were drawn in the contest in North Ward, with the resultant Liberal success.

St. John's Social.—The next social in St. John's Sunday school will take place on Tuesday at 8 p. m., and it is hoped that it will be as well patronized as previous ones. The ladies of the Junior Guild have arranged an excellent program for the evening, and all who attend may be sure of a pleasant evening. Refreshments will be served at usual.

The Salmon Season.—Now that the Ottawa government has decided to be seriously considering the question of joining hands with the American authorities for a close season for the catching of salmon, it is interesting to recall that the Colonist weeks ago appreciated the significance of the move and gave prominence to the announcement. The Colonist was the first paper on the coast to treat the matter seriously from its real news value.

The Glorious Twelfth.—Efforts will be made to have the next Twelfth of July celebration in Victoria. This was decided upon at the annual meeting of District Orange Lodge No. 2, held on Tuesday night in the A. O. U. W. hall. At the same meeting the following officers were elected: District master, W. O. Wallace; deputy master, William Martin; chaplain, Isaac Walsh; recording secretary, E. C. B. Bagshaw; financial secretary, W. G. McNaughton, and treasurer, W. J. Clark.

Rhodes' Scholarships.—On the 17th and 18th of this month the second set of examinations for Rhodes' scholarships will be held at the education department. As yet there have been no applications from Victoria. The dates, but Mr. Israel Rabinowitz, of Vancouver, intends to try the examinations. The board of examiners will be the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Duff, Superintendent Alex. Robinson, Mr. J. C. Shaw, Mr. A. C. Macdonald, of the Victoria High school, and Mr. H. M. Strang, principal of the New Westminster High school.

Northern Mails.—The post office department has arranged for the performance of three round trips with mails between Telegraph Creek and Wrangell, Alaska, for the present winter. Advice is to the effect that the first mail will leave Telegraph Creek early on the morning of the 15th inst., and will reach Wrangell on the 17th. The dates of departure in February and March will be noted in the Victoria P. O. Guide for those months.

Seamen's Institute.—The manager of the Seamen's Institute, Mr. J. C. Bailey, acknowledges the receipt of a letter during the month of December, 1904, from the following: Mrs. R. B. McKinnon, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. Isaac V. Smith, Mrs. C. M. McNeil, Mrs. C. M. McNeil, Mrs. David A. N. Ogilvie, Barber Bros. (colored papers for decorations), the Navy League (Victoria-Esquamalt branch), the Colonist and Times daily papers, the local weekly paper, The Week and Misses Marie and Edith Bailey. Christmas decorations, cash donations during the past month from the following are also gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. F. Reade and W. Fernie, Esq.

Spanish Liberals.—The Spanish Liberal Association, at a meeting held on the 14th inst., passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that this executive recognizes the importance of the question of anchorage in Esquimalt harbor, brought up by the executive of the Esquimalt Liberal Association at their meeting of the 6th inst.; therefore this executive endorses the resolution passed by the Esquimalt executive by a unanimous vote, and that the secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the Esquimalt, B. C., press, the Victoria Board of Trade and the different Liberal associations." The meeting also passed a resolution opposing a close season for salmon catching, as a step detrimental to Victoria's interests.

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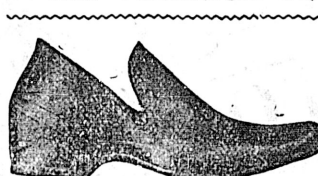
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To Be "Sworn In."—The various candidates who were successful at the recent municipal elections will be formally "sworn in" by a judge of the Supreme court tomorrow at noon, and the great seal of the corporation again handed over to His Worship Mayor Barnard. The first meeting of the new board will be held tomorrow evening, when standing committees for the year will be named. A number of bylaws, including the famous "Glorious Song," have been printed on slips, and will be distributed in the congregation and sung as solos and choruses. The evangelistic services will be continued during the week in the church, and will include light, orchestra, solos, quartettes and choruses. The general public will be made welcome to these services.

Lecture on the Orient.—The regular weekly lecture will be delivered this coming Wednesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium by Rev. A. R. Colby, his subject being, "A Trip to the Far East." Mr. Colby's long residence in China and Manchuria and his travels through Japan make him an authority on Eastern life. In order to correctly interpret the events leading up to and following as a result of the present war, it is necessary to understand the viewpoint of the people who live in those Eastern countries. Mr. Colby will illustrate his lecture with about one hundred views. The mere nominal charge of ten cents is being made in order to defray expenses.

Amateurs Name Officers.—The Victoria West amateur dramatic society held a business meeting a few evenings ago, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, Mr. A. R. Colby; vice-president, Miss J. Leigh; secretary, Mr. C. W. Hoyer; assistant secretary, Miss H. Penketh; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Semple; property man, Mr. C. W. Hoyer; property mistress, Mrs. A. R. Colby; business manager, Mr. A. W. Semple; Mr. F. Jenkins was also selected as stage manager for the next play and Mr. G. W. Andrews as assistant stage manager. Rehearsals will begin at an early date. The society has decided to hold their third annual masquerade ball on Friday, Feb. 3, the several committees having been appointed to make arrangements.

Burns' Anniversary.—The seventeenth annual Burns anniversary concert under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir will be held on Wednesday evening, 25th inst. This is an event looked forward to by the Scottish people of this city with pleasurable anticipations every year, and not only by Scotsmen and their descendants, but by people of many nationalities. The choir are hard at work preparing their beautiful part songs, many successes in this line having been scored by them on former occasions. In each year of the Burns anniversary the choir have been in charge of the choir and the management of the Burns concerts he has not failed to introduce to the patrons something new and interesting and the coming concert will be no exception. Scotch people should bear in mind that the choir is a fair, further announcements concerning which will be given later. It is worthy of note that the St. Andrew's Society of this city have decided to attend in a body recognizing that they could not celebrate the poet's birthday in a more fitting manner.

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The Snow Fall.—From reports at the local meteorological office the present fall of snow has not extended very far north on Vancouver Island. At 11 o'clock Friday no snow had fallen at Nanaimo and at 5 yesterday morning the fall at New Westminster had been very light and disappeared almost immediately. To the south the snow extends as far as the Columbia river.

Assessment Commission.—The commission to inquire into the operation of the Assessment Act will resume its sessions on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. One of the principal witnesses in prospect is Mr. John Oliver, M. P. P., who has been conspicuous in finding fault with the act, and complaining of its allegedly inequitable taxation. Just before the commission adjourned on Thursday the secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Oliver of the date fixed for the next meeting, so that he might have full opportunity to prepare himself for the occasion. The points which have been raised by the member for Delta refer chiefly to the tax as it affects the farming community, among other things it having been alleged by him that growing crops had been subjected to taxation, as to which Mr. C. C. Fisher, the assessor for the New Westminster district, gave evidence on Thursday. It is also expected that a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade will be present to give their opinions as to the operation of the act from the merchants' point of view.

Business man's lunch at the Driand every day.

It's an ill wind that does no good. Alton & Co., of the Fit Reform Wardrobe, report that the recent cold snap created quite a stir in their overcoat department, more overcoats being sold during the past week than at any similar period during the time they have been established here. It must, however, be taken into consideration that this rush of business is not due entirely to the cold spell, but that an important factor is the low prices now prevailing at the Wardrobe.

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Details of the Wreck of Steamer Columbia—The Pollaloch Arrives.

Tees Will Sail Tonight for the North—Salvage of S. D. Carleton.

There were few movements of deep water ships yesterday. The lumber-laden ship Pollaloch came to Esquimalt in tow of the tug Lorne from Chemainus; the steamer Titania passed up to load coal at Nanaimo for San Francisco, and the steamer Koonun, which called to shelter from the snowstorm in the Royal Road, proceeded to Tacoma early yesterday morning. The steamer Tees was busy loading cargo, consisting for the most part of provisions and general supplies for coast settlements, in preparation for her voyage to Naas and way ports of northern British Columbia this evening. The bark Haddon Hall, now at Esquimalt, is to be extensively overhauled, and it is understood, a representative of her owners is coming to this city to superintend the work, which will be done at Esquimalt.

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An effort will be made to have the bark S. D. Carleton come to this city for repairs when that vessel is salvaged at Bellinham. Capt. H. A. Frieze will undertake to float the Carleton, which ran aground in Bellinham Bay about two weeks ago, for \$3,500. He left Thursday night for Bellinham with an up-to-date wrecking outfit. It consists of barges, rafts, wire ropes and tugs. Capt. Frieze proposes tunnelling under the Carleton forward. He will get under the vessel forward, and after running wire ropes beneath her bow will lash them to the rafts. These rafts will be located forward on either side of the ship, while grooved slide are to be placed beneath her aft. This done, it is planned to have the tug Tees haul her off.

The Carleton is in twelve feet of water at low tide. Since she ran aground various tugs, large and small, have endeavored to haul her off, but to no purpose.

THE OLYMPIA.

Sails From Portland With Cargo for One of Belligerent Nations.

Steamer Olympia, of the Northwest Commercial Company, sailed from Portland yesterday for Moji and Shanghai. More or less mystery surrounds the charter of the Olympia and her destination. At the office of the Northwest Commercial Company Mr. Trenholme, of the management, stated that the Olympia would clear for Moji, Japan. Her cargo consists entirely of oats. While she clears for Japan, one report has it that she will bring up at Shanghai, and another in the port of Vladivostok. Mr. Trenholme said:

"We care very little about the matter. All I can say is that the Olympia's cargo is consigned to the Ebbe Company, of Shanghai. And, for all I know, the oats may be intended for the Japanese forces. The cargo was purchased by an American concern and consigned as I have stated."

Rumors are still rife concerning the steamer Tacoma, also of the Northwest Commercial Company's fleet, and which sailed ten days ago, ostensibly for Shanghai. While her cargo was billed to that port, one story has it that the vessel left Seattle with an agent of the Russian government aboard and that the vessel, instead of going to Shanghai, will proceed direct to Vladivostok.

Concerning the story that the Japanese consul of this city had reported to his government that the Tacoma had sailed for Vladivostok carrying contraband of war, an official said: "I have no definite information on the subject. I simply reported to my government that the Seattle papers were publishing rumors to the effect that the Tacoma would proceed to Vladivostok rather than to Shanghai. Of course, I know nothing as to the Tacoma's destination."

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CHILE'S NEW TAX.

A letter has been received from Capt. Henry W. Campling, of the British ship Kinross, recently arriving at a South American port from Puget Sound, stating that an extra tax has been placed on ships visiting Chile since last July. The new rates amount to 60 cents, Chilean gold, per registered ton for light dues, which, added to the ten cents gold previously in force for hospital dues, makes a tax of 70 cents gold per ton, or about £74 on the Kinross. The new tax for light dues is not generally known, and necessarily requires a higher rate of freight for vessels loading there than has heretofore prevailed.

WRECK OF COLUMBIA.

The steamer Columbia, formerly the steamer Saga, the largest fishing vessel of the New England Fish Company's fleet, was wrecked last Monday night off Millbank Sound, near the north end of Vancouver Island. Her crew of 36 men, including the captain and fishermen, were brought to Vancouver at 6 o'clock last evening by the steamer New England, the flagship of the big northern fishing fleet.

The Columbia had been at the halibut grounds for ten days and was running south to Vancouver with 150,000 pounds of fish for the Boston market. It was just after midnight, when the vessel was a mile and a half off the northern end of North Island, she struck an uncharted rock. No sea was running, but enough of the rolling ocean swell was coming to sway her from side to side. She sank at the bow and listed so much in ten minutes that her port deck was awash. Then she listed to starboard and rapidly began to sink.

The fishermen, in their oil skins, were on deck in a moment after the Columbia struck. Within five minutes the fishing dories were launched like lifeboats. Captain Johnston was the last man to leave the vessel, and he stayed by her until he saw she would go down.

The Columbia went out of sight how first within half an hour after she struck. While out of sight, she probably is in not more than forty feet of water. After the Columbia sank the crew rowed to the shore at China Hat, ten miles away. The New England was signalled as she passed yesterday and picked up the crew, reaching Vancouver Friday evening.

The Columbia was 130 feet long and of about 200 tons register. She was formerly known as the Saga, having come from the Barbados six years ago to engage in the Klondike trade. She was unsuitable for that trade and was run on different short routes along the coast. Last year the New England Fish Company bought her, and after spending \$30,000 in new machinery, rechristened her into the halibut business.

SOUND SHIPPING.

Port Gamble, Jan. 14.—The American schooner J. M. Colman, Capt. Peterson, sailed this morning in tow of the tug Azule, with a cargo of lumber loaded here for San Pedro. The Colman arrived here Christmas day from the above mentioned port, and returned with 600,000 feet of cargo, all of which was loaded here.

Port Blakeley, Jan. 14.—The British ship Engellhorn, Capt. Lovitt, today took on the last of her lumber cargo at this port, and will tow to Port Townsend tomorrow or Monday to secure a crew and close up her affairs preparatory to starting on her voyage to Melbourne, to which port she carries cargo loaded here on account of Bowring & Co., to whom the vessel is chartered.

MARINE NOTES.

The French cruiser Protet, now at San Francisco, will not come north to Esquimalt. She will remain at San Francisco 45 days, and will be docked there to be overhauled. The Protet will then proceed to France. She has been in commission in the Pacific for six years, and has been twice to Esquimalt during her commission.

The American bark Hawaii, which, as reported in these columns, was on fire at Ketchikan, has been scuttled. Her cargo is being landed in fair condition.

Capt. McKinnon, of the Belford, who is well known to marine men in Victoria, has been having trouble at San Francisco. The San Francisco Chronicle says: "Capt. McKinnon of the British ship Belford was accompanied by two naval men when he went aboard his vessel yesterday morning. He had remained ashore the previous night fearing personal violence at the hands of his crew, in consequence of a tussle he and his mate had with a sailor named Frank Folk, who had demanded money from the captain and been refused. The demand for money, however, resulted in fistuffs, and to avoid trouble during the evening, Capt. McKinnon went ashore, his lodging charges may be referred in the police court against the captain by the bruised sailor."

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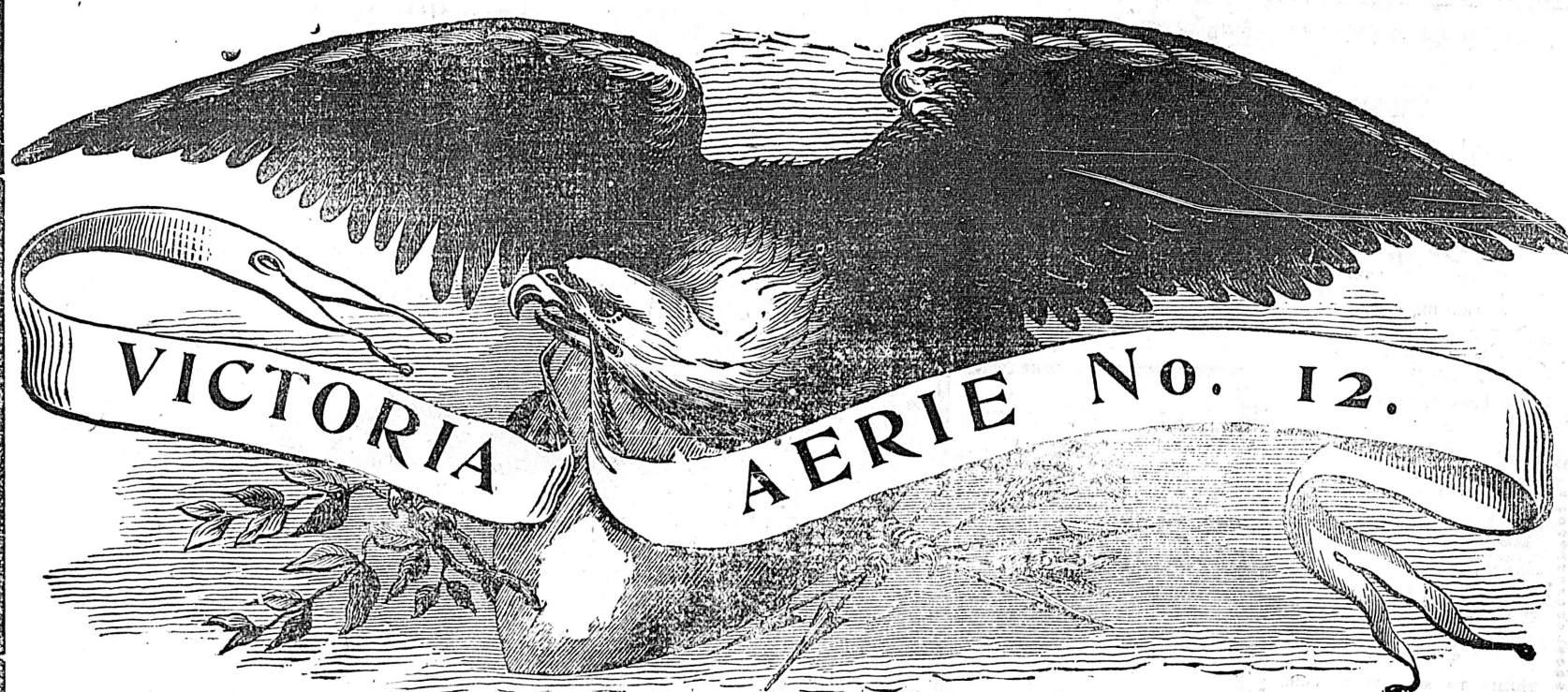
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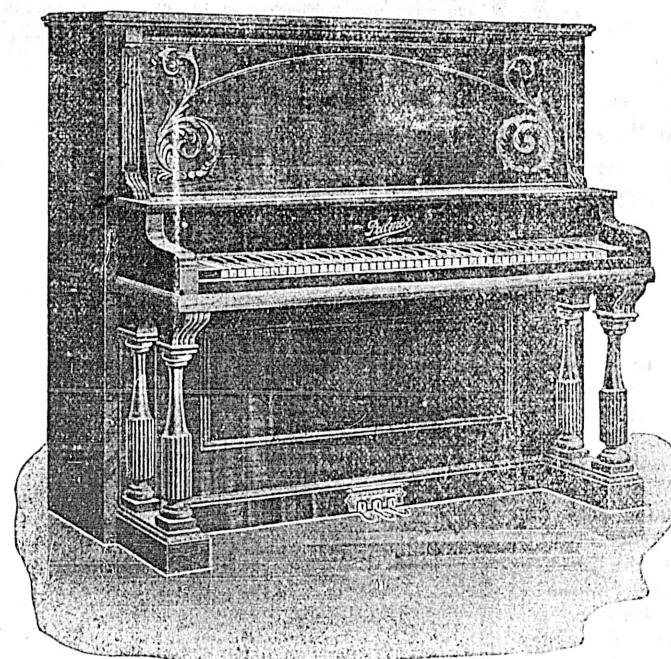
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A Psychological Puzzle

Written by M. Dash for the Sunday Colonist.

I. Bowers and Harris were two reporters, and in the year 1890 were earning a somewhat precarious livelihood as space writers on the San Francisco Examiner. Like most of their class on large papers, both were thorough liars, and at heart, their calling naturally leading them into many strange adventures in search of "copy." There were plenty of occasions when their united "pay envelopes" would easily reach three figures, but they were invariably "broke" within twenty-four hours of the "ghost walking," and after a night's wild revelry, in which they would indulge in all sorts of pleasures, just as their fancy dictated, the rest of the week would be devoted to hard hustling for items and the making of good resolutions. When material for "stories" was not readily forthcoming, and funds at a low ebb (a chronic state with them), they had even gone so far as for one of them to take a job as a bookbinder, or optician, and while under the influence of the other would write a sensational story on the varying and peculiar effects of the drug.

One night while looking over the pages of the register at the Palace Hotel in the hope of finding some celebrity to interview, they caught sight of the name, "Charles Elliman, Delhi, India." That might be good for half a column, Bowers thought. "He's come from the land of mysteries. Hindoo jugglers and all that sort of thing. Let's chase him up."

The bellboy was summoned, cards deposited on a tray, and he vanished up the elevator, soon re-appearing with the intimation that Mr. Elliman would see them.

The gentleman from India was found to be a very unassuming sort of person, easy to approach, apparently about thirty years of age, hair a light brown, rather thin at the top, clean-shaven face, with deep blue, magnetic-looking eyes, and a rather attractive personality. He welcomed his visitors in a very kindly manner, remarking that he was not used to being interviewed by newspaper men, as he was only a very ordinary individual. He was an Englishman, and lived when at home at Penze, near London, England.

The conversation gradually drifted into the subject of occultism, with which Elliman was perfectly at home and thoroughly well informed. He explained that he had been in India for years studying the occult, and in search of knowledge had traveled nearly all over the world, principally the Orient. He had seen many wonderful things, and had become acquainted with forces in nature of which the average man knew nothing. His remarks were illustrated by certain phenomena, which he seemed to treat as nothing unusual, but which appeared to Bowers and Harris as bordering on the supernatural. Guesses moved on the table and chairs, and a clear, bell-like sound, without being handled or struck, a vase of flowers raised itself in the air and remained suspended for several moments, gradually sinking back to its position on the table. All the while he was talking, a luminous halo appeared to glimmer around his head. He said that during his travels he had at times lived among the lowest elements of the earth.

Harris asked him whether he ever felt afraid of robbers or murderers, and what he would do should they assault him.

Elliman smiled, and placing his hand on Harris' shoulder, said: "Ah, my boy, perhaps some day you may know more about real occultism and what a man can do over it. But you will have to live differently. A clean life, and the subjugation of all the grosser animal passions are the first essentials. I cannot now explain why, but none of the things I have seen or heard of, and the scale of humanity could ever harm an adept, or one that had studied the great natural sciences of Nature and lived up to them. Should any of them try to harm me, to avoid injury to myself, or to them, I should, if possible, try to run away, and if pursued too closely, there would be obstacles for them to fall over. A rope could be stretched across the path to trip them up, and I should get away. Something would always intervene between myself and them."

Here Harris broke in with: "Say, would that rope or obstacle be a real one, or would it merely exist in their imagination, operated by you?"

"It would be real enough so far as they were concerned. You will find many more strange things than that if you should go in for the study of occultism. For instance, something tells me that we shall meet again—that is, you and I—and it may be at a grave crisis in your life. I believe I have interested you out of the common this evening, and although to all intents and purposes I am a stranger, I feel peculiarly attracted towards you. Pray, excuse my saying so. So far as your knowledge goes, this is the first time we have met, and yet I feel as if I had known you for years. It is useless my trying to explain all I mean. Your mind at present would not grasp it. I feel absolutely sure that before many years have passed over our heads we shall meet again, and things that are now cloudy and mist-like to you will appear clear. Meanwhile, I shall offer you my services, and perhaps able to aid you when you are least aware of my company. I will say good-bye now, and thanks for coming to see me."

They shook hands and parted, getting

"Greeting, Friend Harris—I have not



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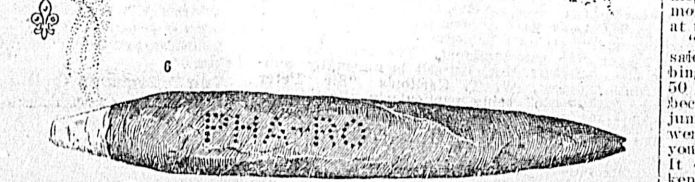
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of the hotel and walking two or three blocks up Market street before Bowers found his tongue.

"Gee, Harris! You seem to be it with the old Yogi. He has apparently recognized in you a long-lost brother. That interview is good for a two-column story, and a little 'liquid inspiration' just now will make it go off a lot better. Who can we stand off for a drink?"

The "inspiration" was finally procured from a friendly bartender, but the two-column story was never written, or at least it never appeared.

II. Four years later Harris was in Victoria, pursuing the same vocation and living much the same kind of life. At this time nearly all remembrance of Elliman had faded from his mind, and when it did occur at rare intervals, he merely thought of it as a strange "freak."

A fight occurred one night in a saloon on Government street, between some "longshoremen," and Harris, who happened to be standing by, got knocked down and badly injured. Internal complications ensued, and a serious operation was performed on him in the Jubilee hospital.

Lying on the operating table, with the doctors administering chloroform and ether, he suddenly seemed to Harris that Elliman had held of his hand, but instead of being clean-shaven he was wearing a brown beard, and looked stouter and stronger than he had appeared in San Francisco.

There was considerable difficulty in making Harris lose consciousness, and he could hear the doctors debating, in voices that sounded far away, whether it would be safe to administer an increased dose of chloroform. His whole system seemed to be crying out against the anaesthetic, and he dreaded something, he knew not what.

"Put your trust in me," he could hear Elliman whispering soothingly. "Hold fast to my hand and we will leave all this trouble. Yes, that is you, or your outer shell, lying down there. Let those doctors do their work with it; they can't hurt it very much. You are coming with me to see something brighter and more pleasant to look upon."

Onwards and always upwards, holding fast to Elliman's hand, Harris felt he was traveling with the speed of thought through boundless space—then all was a blank.

"How do you feel, old man? Pretty tough, eh? Great Scott, I thought you were never going to wake up. You've been sleeping for over five hours, ever since the operation, and I was getting anxious. Feel sick, eh? Most of you do when they wake up after chloroform. Feel as if you were just recovering from a 'jag' on cheap whiskey, don't ye?"

Harris tried to move, but felt numb from head to foot. He was lying on a hospital cot, and an attendant whom he knew was sitting beside him.

"You bet I do," he said. "I feel sick enough to never touch whiskey as long as I live. Did they finish the operation? How long have I been lying here?"

"Why, man, it's past 7 o'clock, and the operation was at 1:30. If you'd have slept much longer, I believe you'd have stayed away altogether."

III. Nearly two years later Harris received an urgent letter from his father in Reading, England, entreating him to come home. The old man said he had not long to live, but would bring him home if he had seen his son once more. Throwing up a fairly lucrative position, Harris went, finding his father apparently well and hearty. He laughed at the old man's tales of his misadventures, and told him he was good for years yet, but within two weeks he had buried him.

Some two or three months after the funeral, Harris' mother, who was a medium to the house, was when that a most remarkable circumstance occurred. Harris had never mentioned anything about Elliman to his mother or father, or to anyone, and in fact was not thinking of him at the time himself.

While the medium was in a trance, after talking to the other members of the family about various matters, she very distinctly described the room in the Palace hotel, San Francisco, detailed the various articles of furniture in it, gave Elliman's name and business (the latter Harris did not know before) and his address at Penze, London, England, and tried to impress very clearly that Elliman evidently thought a great deal of Harris and would in some way influence his life.

This looked uncanny to Harris, and to verify his doubts he went to Penze, found the store (a jeweler's) mentioned by the medium, and asked if Mr. Elliman was at home.

"No, he is not at home now; he is at present in India. He travels quite a lot, returning at intervals. He was here about a year ago."

Harris presented a card, which happened to be a San Francisco address, and asked to be remembered to Mr. Elliman when he returned.

"Oh, you are Mr. Harris," said the manager. "Well, I think there is a letter for you somewhere. Mr. Elliman said he thought you might call some day."

The letter was handed over. It was only a short note, and this is what it said:

"Greeting, Friend Harris—I have not forgotten you, and will meet you again before long on the Pacific Coast."

At this time Harris had no intention whatever of returning to the West, but intended remaining with his mother.

IV. Early in October, 1903, Harris was in Seattle, Wash., trying to get a position either on the "P-I," or the Times. Things were a little dull, and what scanty employment he could obtain on the papers barely sufficed to keep his bills paid, and Seattle is one of the hardest cities in the West to be "broke" in. He possessed an excellent gold watch, which he pawned in a Jew store below the "dead-line" for \$15. Feeling his spirits considerably raised by the possession of a few dollars, he turned into a near-by saloon to try and raise them still higher.

It always needs a second drink to keep the first one company, and in course of time Harris found himself "howling up" with two or three well-dressed strangers, who, like himself, were apparently out for a "good time."

Several places were visited, and enough whiskey drunk to make everyone feel "jolly good fellows."

It was finally suggested by one of the gang that they should adjourn to some house not very far away, where there was lots of fun to be had. This idea just fell in with their humor, and they went, Harris being quite sober enough to make a mental note of the appearance of the place. It was a wooden shack, built on piles over the tide-flats, there being several feet of water under the house at high tide.

The inmates were of a very questionable character, but more whiskey made its appearance, and with the aid of a piano the fun grew fast and furious. Harris wanted to get away, but was pressed so hard to stay that he did not like to make a forcible "break," and when a game of poker was proposed he followed the players into an adjoining room.

By this time he only had about \$10 in his pocket, and did not want to risk losing it by playing cards, but being invited to take a hand, he reluctantly consented. Gambling was not really one of his vices, but after staying with the company so long he hated to appear as if he had "cold feet."

Such a run of luck never happened to him before. "Three of a kind" seemed to be the smallest hand he could hold, while "straights" and "flushes" came frequently. There were no "chips," and only straight cash was used in the game.

Harris' luck stayed with him right through, and by 4 o'clock in the morning the other players were out, he having won over \$500, his pockets fairly bursting with money and bills.

Naturally feeling jubilant over his success, he "shouted" for wine for the whole house, and while it was being handed round, he noticed two of the erstwhile poker players whispering together, and giving him no very friendly glances.

He thought struck him at once that these men were doing so to react on his winnings, and, remembering the company he was in, he knew he was "up against" a bad proposition, and that even his life might be in danger.

He had often heard of men being murdered and robbed in that street, and their bodies being "dumped" into the water, washed out to sea, and probably never recovered.

He knew he had won his money fairly, and made up his mind to hold on to it if possible. It could not be taken from him without a hard struggle, and that he meant to avoid if he could. Two of the gang were well-known bad characters, men who would stick at nothing. He had noticed them doing "crooked" work during the game, but said nothing, as he did not want to start a row.

Castling about in his mind for some means of getting away unnoticed, he thought the best thing to do was to keep buying drinks, then, watching his opportunity, slip out the back way into the street and run for it.

Everything worked out exactly as he had planned. The crowd were getting pretty far gone in liquor, and at last a favorable moment arrived. Gradually edging towards the stairs leading to the back part of the house, he ran softly down, exulting in the fancy that he was unseen.

He was climbing a board fence that separated him from the street, when something seemed to strike him twice on the back of the head, and a hoarse, crashing noise like thunder filled his brain, deafening and paralyzing him.

This was succeeded by a deep, restful calm. All remembrance of the gambling and everything connected with it, went from him. No pain whatever, only a delicious sensation of floating in the air, clasping the hand of a big, blue-eyed, brown-whiskered man, who seemed to talk so kindly and so protectingly.

When memory returned he was lying on the bottom of a boat, and a man was bending over him whose face was familiar.

"Hello, Harris! What in thunder have you been doing? Sand-bagged, Moore, or what? I saw you floating down by the wharf, and jumped into a boat and pulled you in. How did you get in the water? You'd hardly fall in. It's a good job I was out early this morning, or the chances are you'd have gone under."

Harris sat up slowly and painfully. With returning consciousness the memory of the night's happenings flashed through his mind.

He felt in his pockets for the money, but they were empty; every cent had vanished. He could remember everything now up to the time he got the crack on the head. Those thieves must have robbed him and thrown his senseless body into the water.

The man who had rescued him was well known to Harris. His name was Moore, by occupation a tinsmith, a very powerful man, and a member of the same lodge. He could not have fallen into better hands.

"I'll tell you all about it, Moore," he said. "I'd might I got in with a hard gang, and we must have consumed considerable whiskey. Anyway, I must have had more than necessary, or I should never have gone with them where I did at the finish. We played poker and I won over \$500. Those 'stiffs,' 'Slim Pete' and 'Reddy Moore' were there, and they are the ones that sand-bagged me and got away with the 'wad.'"

"I know those two bounders," said Moore. "They are two of the worst blacklegs in Seattle. I know where they hang out, as a rule. Say, they're likely to be in bed now; it's not much after 6 o'clock. What's the matter with hunting them up and trying to 'bluff' some of that money out of 'em? They'll ante up easy enough when they see you, for I'll bet they think you dead, for sure."

"Say, Moore, you're a brick. If you'll stay with me through this, I'll whack up another we get. I don't want this thing to get into the papers. I wouldn't do me any good. By ginger, I'd like to get even with those two fellows. My streak of luck is still with me, or I should never have met you this morning, and I might have been lying at the bottom of the bay."

"I was standing down on the wharf," said Moore, "and saw something bobbing up and down on the water, about 50 yards out. I thought it was a body, because I've seen them before. So I jumped into a boat and rowed out. You were floating on your back and moving your arms just slightly up and down. It must have been that motion that kept you up, but it is a peculiar thing

to me how you kept up so long after that crack on the head. There's a big red bump on the back of your neck, as big as an egg. However, as soon as you feel better, we'll round these fellows up."

Moore's shack was not far away, where a change was procured. After a couple of stiff drinks and a little to eat, armed with a revolver each, they went to the house where Moore said the two "crooks" lived.

As luck would have it, they were both in bed, and without the ceremony of knocking, Moore pushed his shoulder through the door and marched in. It would have been hard to find two more badly scared, surprised "crooks" in Seattle than they were. The sight of Harris made their eyes bulge out like a crab's. It took very little persuasion with the pistols to get the boney out of them; in fact, they hardly had a word to say while Moore went through their clothes. Just over \$400 was found, and after a word or two of warning, they were left to sleep as peacefully as the unborn.

Harris wanted to give Moore the \$400 and keep the odd change himself, but he would not listen to any such arrangement. It was with the greatest difficulty he could be persuaded to take the half.

Only the sequel to the foregoing remains to be told, and the psychological connection must be puzzled out by those who are able. There must be lots of forces in Nature of which most people know nothing, and if they could only be studied by reliable, capable persons, instead of being left to charlatans and "fakers" to impose upon the public, the world might benefit thereby. A thick black veil lies between the material and the spiritual world, through which it is impossible for the gaze of the ordinary human being to penetrate. It may be that to a gifted few the veil is thinner, and glimpses of the great beyond are obtainable.

From Seattle to Putney, London, England, is a long cry, some 6,000 miles, and there is a little parlor, what is generally known as a seance was taking place.

Mr. George Smith, who owns a large store in the Strand, and also a suburban residence at Putney, had a lady friend staying with him who was a great believer in spiritualism, and who also claimed to have mediumistic tendencies. Smith was of opinion that "nonsense," as he called it, of that kind did not exist, and to laugh her out of such ideas, invited a few friends to hold a "circle" at his house, thinking by humoring her to be able to ridicule her out of such fancies.

The seance took place early in October, 1903, about the time the incidents in the foregoing chapter occurred, the lady going into the usual trance-like state and saying all sorts of remarkable things to some of the parties present.

They were seated round a large table, at a distance from it, which, without any previous warning, or without being touched, began to tilt from side to side.

The medium asked what it wanted, and whether there was any spirit in the room who wished to communicate with anyone there. The table moved more rapidly than ever, and finally the lady said there was a spirit present anxious to impart some information, which it would do by means of the table tilting through the alphabet—once tilt for A, two for B, and so on.

Smith and two or three of the party got sheets of paper, wrote the letters of the alphabet on them, and then waited for the table to make a demonstration.

They had not long to wait, for it started almost immediately, and this is what it said, or, rather, talked:

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PARISIAN CHARM IN MODERN EVENING GOWNS

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ALTHOUGH the month of December may not be the social season, nor until after the Christmas holidays does the season with a capital S really begin, nor do ball and large formal evening entertainments, such as call for elaborate dress, begin.

As it is always the case when Easter falls late in the spring, the winter season will this year be a long one, and consequently many more ball gowns will be required than in those winters when Lent comes early. Dress-makers are not slow to take advantage of anything so greatly to their desire, and consequently at this late date for it is late from the dress point of view—the most fascinating of evening gowns are being put forth to tempt the ladies to increase the sum total of their expenditures for the year. "Such a charming frock and so becoming to Madame, and so practical; perfectly possible to wear in the summer as well as this time of year."

And with such carefully turned phrases and the beauties of the gown displayed to every advantage, small wonder is it that the order is given for one, two or three more ball gowns, for the winter as it may seem.

Lace, chiffon, tulle, lace, satin, silk and velvet; velvet, silk and satin—the changes are rung year after year, and yet, in truth, with the different models furnished with the different combinations in color that are used, it seems incredible that the fabrics themselves are not new, that the colors have not been manufactured for just this special season. Seven colors may have been all that were included in the original rainbow; seventy times seven seems but a small estimate of the colors used in the winter's outfit for the fashionable woman.

It is just a trifle puzzling this winter for the average woman who wishes to be well-gowned—average, be it understood, referring only to the question of dress to know what rules are to be followed. "Sheer, transparent fabrics are the ones to choose." "Heavy, rich materials are by far the smartest." "All skirts should be wide, full and elaborately trimmed." "Rather severe lines, no trimming of any kind, the beauty of the material being sufficient." "A tight fitted waist with no bustle and no long train." And so it goes, until in desperation the woman makes up her mind to wear what she can get.

LOUIS XV TAFETTA POMPADOUR GOWN LAFFERRIERE

With this foundation to work upon, the skirt stands a much better chance of being effective, even if made of cheaper material, than if made of richer fabric and put over a badly hung and fitted lining. In the gown of thin sheer material, like gauze, net or chiffon, it is well to have a second skirt of chiffon, that may be plain at the top, gathered or accented pleated. If plain it must be finished with deep flounce of chiffon, if pleated or gathered, then the finish of a ruffling or narrow flounce is sufficient.

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by it. The pale blue satin lining under a real lace ball gown really seems to throw out the pattern of the lace more distinctly than if made of richer fabric and put over a badly hung and fitted lining. In the gown of thin sheer material, like gauze, net or chiffon, it is well to have a second skirt of chiffon, that may be plain at the top, gathered or accented pleated. If plain it must be finished with deep flounce of chiffon, if pleated or gathered, then the finish of a ruffling or narrow flounce is sufficient.

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Just down the centre the skirt was plain, save that ruchings of lace held together by loops of satin ribbon and the same rhinestone buckles were arranged across this middle gird at intervals of about four inches apart. The rest of the skirt was absolutely without adornment.

Rhinestone and Pearl Trimming.

Colored satins are decidedly effective, and, as is well known, for actual serviceableness there is nothing so good as satin, which never tears, and cleans without difficulty. Many satin ball gowns of this winter are elaborately embroidered and trimmed with rhinestones, iridescent sparagles and pearl beads, but, again, any number of the most effective are made very simply, some princesses, others with waist and skirt separate, the only trimming being a deep bertha or collar of rich point lace. All colors seem popular, but there is a certain salmon pink and a deep turquoise blue which are both extremely fashionable. Red and scarlet are not so much in vogue, shades are smart in other materials, are in satin rather too glaring to be pretty.

Perhaps handsomest of all the many beautiful dresses seen this winter are the velvet ball gowns. Such variety of coloring as is seen in chiffon velvet is really marvellous, for there is no one who could not find some shade in which she would look well. Bright red, not scarlet—the color is far too soft for that—but a rich and beautiful shade, which is as becoming to the blonde as to the brunette, is probably the most striking shade in which it is seen, while deep pink, palest rose color, light blue, bright turquoise, lilac, the valley, green and a dozen other shades, and tones, all as different as night from day, are all excellent. Neither velvet nor chiffon velvet can stand much of any trimming, and most of the gowns are princesses, finished only with large shield or rhinestone buttons and with a row of the fall of the hand some lace about the low cut neck.

Brocade is one of the few materials which seem to be considered quite generally as too old for young girls, but for slightly older women there is nothing so effective. Bright and dark brocades, those having many different colors, as well as the designs carried out centrally in the brocade.

Propinquity

On an elevated train the other day two ladies were engaged in discussing a vital question. One said, "Mary, do you know the meaning of propinquity?" The lady blushed slightly and replied, "Well, I know the meaning of it, but I can't give the exact definition."

"The definition is 'local nearness,'" said her friend. "Have you thought about what that really means in connection with your children? This morning I walked with Edith down to her school. A number of her girl friends joined us and we passed seven or eight young fellows who attended an academy near the city school. They bowed and showed plainly that they were in the habit of meeting and walking with the girls every day. Edith is seventeen, almost a woman. Your Jack is nineteen, and he goes to the same school. I thought of propinquity 'local nearness.' Here were our boys and girls forming acquaintances that would surely influence their future lives, and how little we mothers know about their companions."

"That is true," assented Mary.

"We know the girls we invite to our houses," continued the first speaker, "the boys who come to our little parties, but the ones our children see every day, and whose 'local nearness' is the most dangerous, of these we know nothing."

"What ought we to do?" queried the lady in gray, and an anxious pucker wrinkled her smooth forehead; "it is true I know few of Jack's associates."

"Well," said her friend, "I don't know what you are going to do, but I do know what I am. I shall get a list of Edith's girl and boy friends, and I shall invite every 'mother's' son of them to my home, and keep on inviting them until Edith sees them as they really are, for 'on know that good manners and gentle breeding will show more in a home than anywhere else."

Nellie interrupted the other lady, "think of the awful trouble and labor, and the bother of having a lot of girls and boys in your house!"

"The lady in black turned and looked at her friend.

"Mary," said she earnestly, "that is the whole trouble with fathers and mothers. Children are delightful when they are young and pretty, and we are proud of them, but when they grow older, and we are being pushed to the back and they are coming forward, we say, 'Oh, it's such a trouble, we can't do it.' I say we must do it. We brought those children into the world and it is not only our duty, but it is a crime not to help them as they start out on life's journey, and I believe that the companionship of honest, straightforward boys and girls is what they need more than anything else."

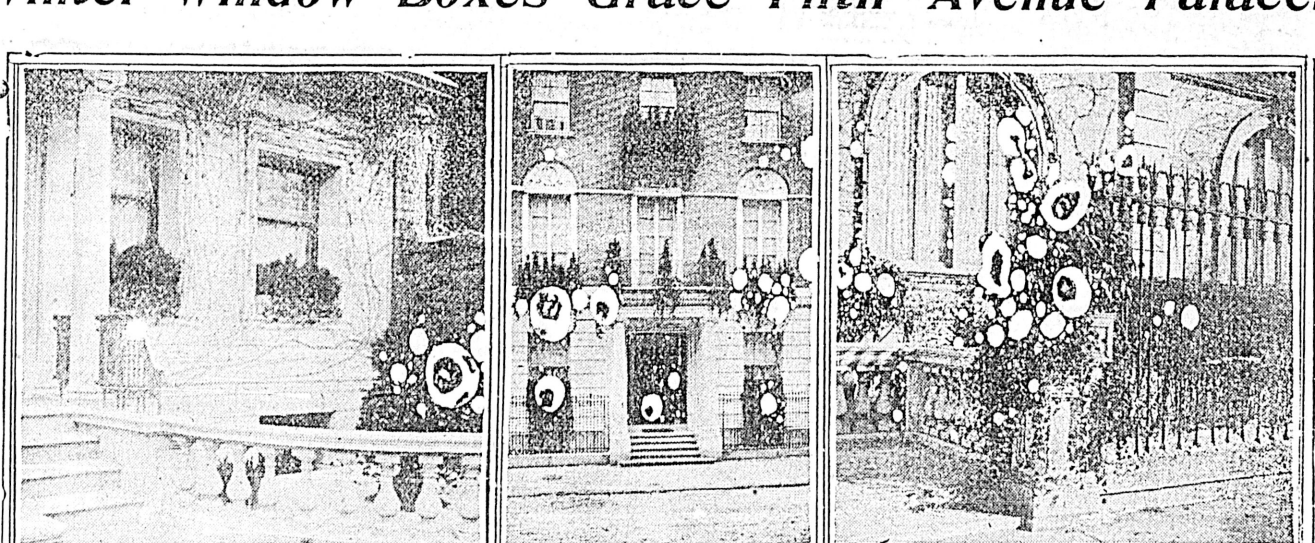
Mary gasped, "Nellie, you certainly ought to go on the lecture platform."

Just then the guard called out, "Step right up."

Nellie jumped up and said: "Good-bye, Mary; think it over. Propinquity! 'Local nearness.'"

As Mary watched her friend hurry down the steps she murmured: "I suppose Nellie is right, she usually is, but oh! think of having a lot of bread and butter misers and horrid golf boys fill up your house. I can't do it!" and taking out her memorandum book, she was soon immersed in items, and "Jack" was left to his own devices, as he had been for some years.

Winter Window Boxes Grace Fifth Avenue Palaces



The city house front is bald and bleak in winter. No one can deny it. It is bald and bleak, with its broad expanses of bare curtains and signs of life within that in summer, when the boards are up and the blue blinds down. Not until the wind has shaken the last leaf from the stems does one realize how much the Japanese and Boston ivies have done to relieve the nakedness of the walls.

So it is to rejoice and be exceedingly glad that the winter window box has come. It has been a long time getting here when it had but to cross the Atlantic, and it is to be hoped it has come to stay. In Germany, Holland, England, people long since refused to let the winter window box be almost as common as the summer garden. Here it has only now come into fashion.

A walk along Fifth Avenue and into the fashionable streets leading east and west will show how quickly the window box has taken hold. One of the most noticeable houses on the avenue is the George Crocker mansion, at Sixty-fourth street. Here the boxwood alone has been used, and the boxes themselves are straight, fitting the windows closely, in perfect harmony with the severe architectural outlines. At the entrance two small boxwood trees stand guard, complementing a simple but very effective relief to an exterior that would otherwise be almost forbidding in its severity.

Another pretty idea is that of the James D. Martin house, not far above the Fifty-ninth street entrance to Central Park, on the avenue. The house is squeezed in among its neighbors and would scarcely attract notice but for the window boxes. In addition to the boxwood or in the florist's parlance, Buxus ovata, there is some English ivy in the boxes, which trails down and hides in the wooden shades. Here an arbutus vine in an urn stands just inside the doorway, far stone railing that tries to give a little privacy to the basement entrance.

These urns have come with the window boxes, and there are some who use the urns exclusively. An example of this is the old Whitney home, on the corner of Sixty-fifth street, now owned by J. Henry Smith. Large arborescences, shaped like Christmas trees, are set out in urns as big as hogheads, within the high iron fence that shuts in

A Memory Book of Costumes

Since the vital question at present concerning the American woman is "What does she do?" and the answer to this query the means of determining whether she shall be deemed interesting or merely tolerable, a very mania, it would seem has broken loose to do things. It is for this reason, perchance, that society women are now being said to have entered the field of literature, recklessly and by the score. Art, as well, they have found encroaching; even in fact, having forsaken their pampered moods, and former untended leisure for such varied interests as require ability and considerable brains. But then many fashionable women are far from being devoid of these commodities as is sometimes supposed. More usually they are their critics when they are expending their time foolishly. The more unique the achievement indulged in at present the more it is regarded as likely to inspire in its admirers a desire to imitate, or a little higher in the middle, in a day when even scientists are expected to be popping up with new theories at least semi-occasionally.

To the glamer of a reputedly well-owned woman it added then materially when the word passed from mouth to mouth that she kept an illustrated account book. It happened to be the special thing she did, and well. This illustrated book, however, was not originated for the entrance of sordid household goods and expenses; simply, it was a memory book of costumes, and personal finery. No "baby book" was ever more amusing; hardly can one be imagined so wholly artistic.

The blank book used for this purpose is in itself a thing of beauty. In Florence, however, from where it was brought, the like is no rarity. Its binding is of vellum, and the folios are of rich, cream-colored and rather heavy paper. For some time this book was laid aside by its owner, who wondered what its proper use should be. Then, length, she had the inspiring idea to cover the face of its pages with dainty water color sketches of her most popular gowns, using the reverse side of each page for an account of their creation, cost and durability, and, best of all, for data concerning the snatches of flattery they had inspired at the various functions to which they had been worn.

Each one of these sketches is most cleverly done, otherwise the book would be unworthy of perpetuation. Many of them, in fact, are of the fair woman herself, sketched in some striking pose. Some represent her standing, others sitting—all have characteristic charm. The gowns, moreover, are represented with exceeding attention to detail and coloring. Indeed, for many of these color sketches it was not necessary to take photographs, but the ingenious lady might have some faithful record of herself to sketch from. Before a long mirror she arranged her poses, and then snapped the shutter of her camera through the slit of a rubber ball attached to a ten-foot long tube.

The first sketch seen in this book is that of its originator in her wedding gown. In fact, she has said that it was when under the spell of her trousseau that the idea first came to her of perpetuating its beauty in an illustrated account book. The lace, veil, fan, handkerchief and wreath of orange blossoms in this painting show not only remarkable fidelity, but sentiment, a tiny Cupid being perched in their midst. The page's reverse side chronicles that the gown alone cost \$400. It is typical of its day in a state most luxurious. Later on in the book is a

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Broiled Smelts.—Your true epicure splits them up the back, removes the backbone, cleans them carefully as he does their station, seasons them with salt and pepper, bathes them lightly with olive oil and broils them on a double broiler over a clear fire. They are then served with a rich Bearnaise or sauce tartare.

Baked in Paper.—Another delicate way of preparing them is to bake them in paper. Select large smelts, split up the back and remove the bone. Dust with salt and pepper, brush with oil, close the fish and lay cornicene on squares or stiff white paper. Lay in a baking pan, not allowing them to touch, and bake twenty minutes in a hot oven. Serve with sauce tartare.

Fresh Cod and Smelts.—Cut slices an inch thick from the lower part of the codfish, scrape the skin, wipe with a clean wet cloth, roll in flour, well seasoned with salt and pepper, and fry in

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The Roman nose has a highly arched bridge, with considerable width between the nostrils and the bridge. Its indications are determination, strength, haughty pride, power to command. If the nose is narrow, then these strong characteristics are lost, and we find the petty tyrant. This nose, with a drooping end or tip, shows a revengeful temper and melancholy. If he is a person of cultivated intelligence, he will indulge in a caustic, sarcastic sort of wit, and is in any case sensual. The Roman nose also shows the disposition to acquire property, whether honestly or dishonestly would be proven by other indications.

The Grecian nose is perfectly straight from the forehead to the end. Its indications are patience, refinement, endurance. These people are pleasant, but cold and indifferent. They are willing to accept affection, though they give none in return. They are not strict in their adherence to moral or social laws. This nose, drooping at the end, is very melancholy and severely caustic, but slightly revengeful, and not entirely forgiving.

Strait nose, with pointed, turned-up tip, shows an inquisitive, clever, lively and amusing disposition. It belongs to the person who gains his own way in spite of all obstacles, through his wit. In a narrow nose, it is useless to be angry with this person, because anger would be entirely wasted; he would laugh right on, and never care, if he knew even that he had annoyed you.

A turned-up, thick, snub nose shows a lack of refinement and polish, yet strange to say, is often accompanied with literary and even poetical creative powers. A straight nose, not large, with a thickened tip, shows the critic, one able to appreciate art, while he cannot produce it.

A pointed nose, somewhat tilted and showing the nostrils, indicates the talkative, inquisitive, quarrelsome individual, who knows all her neighbors' affairs and droop at the corners, she is a mischief gossip, seeing evil where none exists, and telling it broadcast.

Ears should not rise above the height of the eyebrow, nor drop below the tip of the nose. Ears which are above the eyebrows indicate quick temper, revengeful disposition and murderous instincts. Small ears show refinement and good breeding. If the lobe is thick, it indicates strength of affection. Medium-sized ears, with a slight curve, indicate a balanced, moderate, retiring disposition. Medium-size ears, energy and firmness; large ears, with thick lobes, coarse, sensual nature; ears, standing out from the head, cruel, destructive nature; long, narrow ears, sloping and close to the head, shy, timid nature; upright, on the side of the head, strength, energy and courage; detached lobes show liberality of mind and generosity; lobes which grow out from the face show narrow-mindedness and parsimony; good space between eye and ear shows mental ability and capacity.

James H. T.—You should be a wealthy man, for you are gifted with the power of intuition, and the tendency to speculate so decidedly developed that I cannot doubt that speculation is to you "as the breath of your nostrils." You have also strong mental capacity. Do you have a strong tendency to be interested in cards, that is, though you might risk money on horse-racing; you are fond of horses, I see. If you would be guided by your first impressions, absolutely the first person you would be interested in would be a man named Mr. M. Intuition is, with many, a surer guide than material reason. It is so with you.

Mary McK.—Nanaimo.—Why do you worry so much over trifles? Why do you worry at all? You are almost a nervous wreck, just from fretting and worrying. Stop one half hour and "count up," as the children say. Do you not "cross hundreds of bridges" that you actually never come to? That is, after all, you are worrying, to you not in the end that things turned out so altogether different that your worry was about nothing after all? You have evidently a long life before you, and success is in your hand, and your talent is for literature. Stop worrying, and turn to the sunshine, and let your work carry health and sunshine to others. Conquer your pessimistic tendency and remember it is an insult to God to see the evil rather than the good that He has placed in the world.

H. Vancouver.—I do not think I can help you by reading of your hand, because you are one who thinks improvement impossible—in himself. You are very selfish, and entirely without pity for another's sorrow and affliction, or distress so long as your own wishes or desires are gratified. You do not, nor ever will, know love for any person or place. You spend freely, because it pleases you to make yourself popular. You like things to be neatly and daintily arranged; you are particular in your personal appearance; your will power is strong; you have shrewdness in the management of business affairs, and you rule those who are daily about you. There is much more in your hand, but it is mostly disagreeable to me. Hands like this are, I am very glad to know, very rare, as indeed are human beings to whom there is positively no heart or affections to which one may appeal.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY CULTURE

When the hair begins to fall, or is turning prematurely gray, or takes a dead lack-lustre appearance, it indicates disease of the scalp in some form. It may not be a serious affair, perhaps only lack of care, or more often, ignorance in care. So many regard "care of the hair" as a weekly washing of the same in order to "keep it nice and clean." This is ignorance in care. Then others attend altogether to the hair, forgetting the scalp, while in reality both should receive careful attention; in fact

the scalp should be treated first, in many cases. In the majority of troubles, scalp treatment alone will suffice. Many women who have passed the fortieth year have asked me: "Is it possible for me to improve my hair and to thicken it?" Certainly it is possible, and easily possible. I give many and various treatments for the hair. Select those only which fit your special requirements. Perhaps the only one which applies to all is this: Stop this frequent "washing and rinsing" of the hair. Keep the hair clean with clean combs and clean brushes. Wash in a tepid water, each day, washing them in warm (not hot) water, in which has dissolved a small lump of washing soda (about the size of a filbert to a pint of water). Oh, yes, it will perhaps loosen the backs, if you are very careful, and a 35-cent brush will not last many years, but it will do clearly service for a number of months, and, after all, that is what they are for. Protect the hair from dust, if you are your own housekeeper, by covering it through the sweeping and dusty times, and remove such dust as it does gather on the hair with the brushes. Do not let the hair snit at the ends. Once every four weeks shave the hair. To do this well, brand your hair with the ends of your fingers, or if it is very thick, in this latter case, divide the hair into upper and lower halves. Make two braids on each front or temporal portion, one above the other, divide the back hair into two lower, braiding them snugly. Take a lighted candle and run the blaze quickly up and down each braid as you hold it taut and in an incline from the head to your fingers. The short hairs, which ends first, will come from the braids, will thus be singed. Do not let the main braid burn. Next, hold the braids tightly between the fingers, about half an inch from the tips or ends of the hair. Burn each little half-inch, do not fear, the blaze will not pass your fingers, nor even touch them. The hair will simply smoke and bubble and char. Do this on each new moon, if you like; it insures regularity, if no other benefit. The increasing loads of hair will prove the virtue of this treatment better than any words of mine could do. Not only will the hair grow rapidly, but it will grow glossy and thick.

If your scalp is hot and itching, with little pimples and much dandruff, try this: To half a bottle of vaseline add a teaspoonful of baking powder, and the same of flour and sulphur; work them well together; work a small portion of this well into the scalp each day, daily massage. Do not let your mind be troubled as to "movements"; simply exercise it by pressure, rolling, pinching, etc. Just a few moments' exercise when you dress the hair, and again upon retiring, will do more for the removal of dandruff and the improvement of the hair. It will also promote growth of new hair and prevent graying.

Change the method or style of dressing the hair often, or wear it dressed plainly during the early hours of the day, adopting the popular and favorite style for the later and evening hours. Never sleep with pins in the hair. The hair, if obeyed, will prevent the falling of hair. Shampoo the hair once in six weeks with one of the following preparations, according to your own personal requirements. If the hair is dry and brittle, use this: Rain water, 1 pint; salt soda, 1 oz.; cream tartar, 1/4 oz. Rub well into the hair and scalp; rinse with tepid water, then with cold, and dry with hot towels or by shaking the hair over a fire.

If, on the other hand, your hair is dry and "dead" in appearance, try this: Egg Shampoo.—Beat the yolk of an egg till it is light, add a teaspoonful of olive or sweet oil and a few drops of ammonia; rub well into the hair and scalp, wash out with warm water and a very little castile soap; rinse in warm, then cold, water, dry as before.

A good general shampoo that may be kept on hand for use at any time, thus saving the trouble for those who are boarding or traveling, is made as follows: Dissolve 1/2 oz. of carb. of ammonia and 1 oz. of borax in 1 quart of water. To this add 2 ounces of glycerine, 3 quarts of New England rum and 1 quart of bay rum. Shampoo with the hands till a slight lather is formed, then rinse off with cold water. This is a wholesale prescription and is sold in 8-ounce bottles, but you can prepare a part—say one fourth—or club with friends and divide the mixture. The cost is trifling.

To rid the hair of children of parasites and to leave it in a clean condition, make a bicarbonate of mercury soap; shave a part of the cake into an earthen bowl, pour a little boiling water on it and whip with a fork until the soap is dissolved; the mixture is now ready. It will form a jelly. Wash the hair with warm water, then wipe as dry as possible. While the hair is still wet, rub the jelly-like emulsion into the scalp and hair. Let it remain for four hours, or half an hour, then wash out with warm water. Rub the hair well with hot cloths, and dry quickly. If necessary, repeat in five days.

To prevent contagion of this disagreeable trouble at school, keep the hair well oiled with some simple oil in which salt is dissolved. This necessary to the frequent washing of the hair and the use of a little salt soda in the water to remove the oil, lest it become rancid and disagreeable.

GRANDMA'S CALLERS.

Dear Grandma—I am very anxious to reduce my flesh. Will you repeat the formula for reducing ointment or soap which you gave some time ago, also tell me the motions for reducing by massage?

MRS. J. M. D. To reduce flesh, exercise as much as possible in the open air; do not stroll, but walk so briskly that it is an exertion to keep up the gate, and walk till you are tired. The tendency of the over-stout person is towards indolence, and the road to reduction does not lie this way. The cool water bath (well salted

water) is a daily necessity, and brisk rubbing with rough towels; massage by rolling and kneading the flesh, carrying the movements with the circulation. The following preparation is to massage with, for reducing: Animal oil soap, 60 grains; iodide of potash, 42 grains; alcohol (85 per cent), 50 grains; essence of lemon, 49 grains. Drink hot water with lemon or lime juice, and no sugar, this at your meals or between meals. Use as little fluid as possible with meals. Eat the smallest amount possible to maintain strength. Avoid fats and too much starch. Do not indulge in a variety of meat—two or at the most three articles of food. Your vegetables may be cabbage, tomatoes, green peas, string beans, asparagus, celery and a small amount of baked potatoes—that is potatoes roasted in their skins—and greens of any sort you like; spinach is particularly good. No fried foods, but whitefish baked or boiled, rare roast beef, or broiled, in small quantities; birds whose flesh is white; toasted bread, and eggs in moderation. Do not neglect the vapor bath, but take it once, if not twice, weekly. Sponge the superfluous flesh (generally about the back and waist or over the abdomen) daily with hot vinegar, and then with cold water, and the cold bath with the following: Iodide of potassium, 3 grains; vaseline, 50 grains; benzoin tincture, 20 drops. This forms a pomade, useful in reducing local accumulations of flesh.

No one has answered you quite fully, and I trust you will let me know the results.

Mrs. Garrett.—How can I relieve a baby's colic in the head quickly? He is restless, and when he is awake, I can not sleep because his nose is completely stopped.

Answer.—Rub the forehead and nose with strong camphorated oil. The relief is almost instantaneous, so do not place it on the nose till he falls asleep, lest it hurt his eyes.

Anxious Mother.—Can you give me a cure for eczema? My children are both afflicted with it, and my own hands are almost useless.

Answer.—Send me your address and a stamped envelope, and I will tell you where to obtain a positive cure.

Harry N.—Is there anything to learn in ad writing, and does ad writing pay? I should think anybody could tell what things are selling for, and that's all it amounts to, anyway.

Answer.—There is always something to learn in any work, and the more you learn the more you see ahead to conquer

it. That is what makes "learning" interesting. If you think there is nothing to learn about "ads," try to write a few attractive, catchy ones—one small one for a corner grocery, and a full-page one for, let us say, Spencer's. Do all the work yourself. A great many "write their own ads" who send a price list to the printing room and leave the poor fellow to "fix it up." This is not ad writing, and unless you discover what there is to learn, it will not pay you to take up the work as a money-making one. But look into it, and your interest will probably be awakened. Ad writing pays in more ways than one, if you are good at it.

Jennie M.—I have a large, sore wart on my hand. It bleeds easily, but grows beautifully on all the treatments I have tried for its extermination.

Answer.—Get a 50-cent bottle of Chinese oil of peppermint; it is very strong. Wet the wart with this oil, and as you think it is to learn, it will not pay you to take up the work as a money-making one. But look into it, and your interest will probably be awakened. Ad writing pays in more ways than one, if you are good at it.

Greedy Nan.—Mother's supply of home-made pickles is rather low, and, knowing that, I am sure of my success, I have decided to make some. I have a large quantity of home-made pickles, and I am sure of my success, I have decided to make some. I have a large quantity of home-made pickles, and I am sure of my success, I have decided to make some.

Answer.—Take two small, solid leaves of cabbage, removing the green leaves, and cut them into small pieces, heart-shaped; shave them into the tray, then chop fine; add three medium-sized onions, chop and mix with the cabbage; add two teaspoonful of fine salt, same of mustard and of pepper, and a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper; of brown sugar add half a cupful; now chop and mix until the mass is of extreme fineness and thoroughly incorporated; pack it tightly into pickle bottles or quart jars, and pour over it strong vinegar till every little air-cell is replaced with the fluid, the vinegar to be cold and put into the jar little by little; may be eaten at once, but is better in a week from making. Will keep three months or so.

Second Method (Sweet Pickle).—Boil a quart of cranberries in a pint of vinegar, and a cup of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of cloves and cinnamon; add more vinegar if they boil dry before thoroughly cooking; be careful they do not burn; put away in jelly glasses.

Third (Sweet Pickle).—1/2 lb. of sliced and peeled sweet apples, boiled in 1 1/2 pints of vinegar; when cooked so that it will mash readily, mash into this mixture a wooden pestle will serve best. Fully 1/2 cup of minced garlic, 2 ounces dried chilies, 1 1/2 ounces bruised ginger, 5 ounces fine salt and 6 ounces of sugar (fine white); now add 1/2 pint of strong vinegar. Improves by keeping. Put away in small jars or jelly glasses.

ELEANOR TO BETTY

Chatty Letter on Local Society Topics

(Written for the Sunday Colonist.)

Dear Betty—Woe is me that ever I went a shopping on a bargain day. I myself am a mild, peace-loving member of society, and so, I imagine, are most of the bargain-hunters, under normal conditions; but fill a woman's soul with the lust of buying, and she returns to her primeval condition of barbarity. Cannot you imagine Mother Eve in the days of long ago, haggling with the ladies from the land of Mod on the east side of Eden over particular bargains in the way of slightly crumpled and withered fig leaves, and their excitement over one perfectly green and fresh reduced to cost from the fact of its corner being worn by the ordinary citizen? You turned into Spencer's yesterday. His fair sale is in full swing. You know the old adage, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," to buy a 5-cent packet of darning needles, a motive which I cannot understand, but I have seen it at the end with great disaster for me. The crowd in the store was almost impassable, and in striving to reach the Mecca of my desires—"darning needles"—I crossed the path of a lady, and she, in turn, having been warned of my intentions, and the other on a despondent-looking baby. Naturally, not having a cyclops-like vision, she charged full into me with a violent and indignant perambulator—not rubber-tired, but a heavy one, and I had time to exclaim, "You tore my tooth and nail and accused me—poor, unfeeling, middle-aged, much-injured me—of trying to upset her blessed infant, that was at present suffering from whooping cough and a bad cold, and I have ruined her tooth. The infant, thus having greatness thrust on it, set up a most lusty yell, or it might have been a whooping hoop; I don't understand the delicate definitions of the disease. This shock and the mother's angry voice soon collected a crowd of all hot, indignant and collected. In the end, covered with confusion, I retired to the ribbon counter, and in my embarrassment bought yards of green tulle that under no circumstances I could have dreamed of buying. I was so anxious to buy to garish your dainty little dishes with, you can easily grow at home in your frame. Prepare a bed about the end of August, or half-rotted leaves and manure on the top, place the darning needles and your husband, and his duty in every possible way, rather falls short of the heroine's expectations, she desiring a sort of dreamy, idealistic life quite out of keeping with the one naturally lived by any wife, much less a young one like your husband. Finally, after numerous vicissitudes and faults on both sides, the misunderstood wife runs away, and only returns when her husband threatens to kill himself and their infant son. This, of course, is a weak part of the story, as it is so utterly at variance with what you have been led to expect of Grantly Inasago; but in the end the story finishes happily, with confidence restored on both sides, though I confess my sympathy is entirely with the hero. Running through the story are the strands of several other married lives, all conveying the same moral, mutual forbearance. It is a good story, well told, and finishing, as so few of the modern novels do, with the husband and wife, who, though the life supply never after, and make excellent reading for those about to embark on the stormy sea of matrimony.

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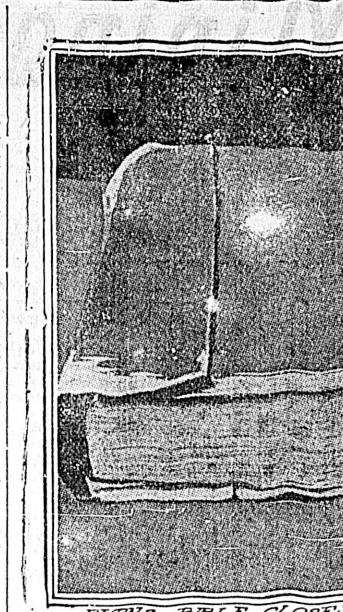
Talking of fat people (happy ones), I see there is a new idea invented to be worn during the lessons in breathing, walking, etc., necessary for reducing avoirdupois, that holds the muscles in place and renders the exercises less arduous and trying for the pupil, and greatly lessens the fatigue naturally following such exercises. I saw a dream of a dress in town, silver grey velvet, trimmed with chin-chilla, with Irish crocheted lace finishing the sleeves, a gabot of the same at the waist. A hat bordered with chin-chilla, with a velvet crown of the same shade, was trimmed with a delicate silver-grey feather, held in place by a bunch of silk Neapolitan violets. While I was studying this truly artistic study in grey, my goddess moved, and with the movement dispelled my dream of color. From below the sheeny, velvety grayness were a pair of heavy yellow walking boots. Was it not naughty old Voltaire who said that a woman in gaiter and high boots was a well-dressed woman, and gloved and well shod, no matter how simple and inexpensive their costume might be. Gloves and shoes are the exclamation marks of the plainest dress, and ought to be considered first. Now, of course, the time of the year, the dainty boots are quite out of the question, but why not, with such a costume as I have mentioned, combine a pair of the Jeanette Miller make, procured at Baker's emporium—military heels, black leather, with a row of buttons, square eyelets, kid tops, and sides of such exquisite leather and finish that, though defying the wettest mud, they still have an appearance of dressiness

and daintiness. My deity's gloves also were not new or well-fitting, so I guided her to the counters where Dent's silk-lined, undressed slippers reign, and turned her out at last perfect in every detail. See Miss Jean McStrath says in Cornwall, the condition in British Columbia, according to her, most of us live in boarding houses, as we are unable to keep servants, their wages being so high, owing to the poll tax on Chinamen. Those who have not visited the island of the poor, and who are unable to give their children an education in any way on a par with his own; as the every-day bread and butter costs so much, all his money and energies are devoted to procuring it. What a condition! I have seen the Mother Land of our displays about her children on this side of the world! I rather fancy the price of beef, mutton and coals in Victoria would make the British household open his eyes. I have seen the Mother Land of our displays about her children on this side of the world! I rather fancy the price of beef, mutton and coals in Victoria would make the British household open his eyes. I have seen the Mother Land of our displays about her children on this side of the world! I rather fancy the price of beef, mutton and coals in Victoria would make the British household open his eyes.

For your little daughter's party cloak—as now the season for evening entertainments for old and young is upon us—make an old-fashioned, but a good one, with a high collar in rough red frieze or pale blue, as you may fancy, lined with Japanese silk and fastened at the neck with ribbons of a color to correspond with the material. This little wrap, besides being fashionable, is the most of being serviceable, inexpensive, and can easily be made at home. I have seen some very smart dresses made at the Westside. Cochrane is, I believe, their artist's name. One is a black velvet, striped with white, and lined with blue, with flowing capes trimmed with passementerie, the whole a credit to any dressmaker. The second is a remarkably handsome black spangled net evening dress, made after a Parisian model. This Government street gown, which I have seen, is a very good one, and I have seen it in the window of a dressmaker. I have seen it in the window of a dressmaker. I have seen it in the window of a dressmaker. I have seen it in the window of a dressmaker.

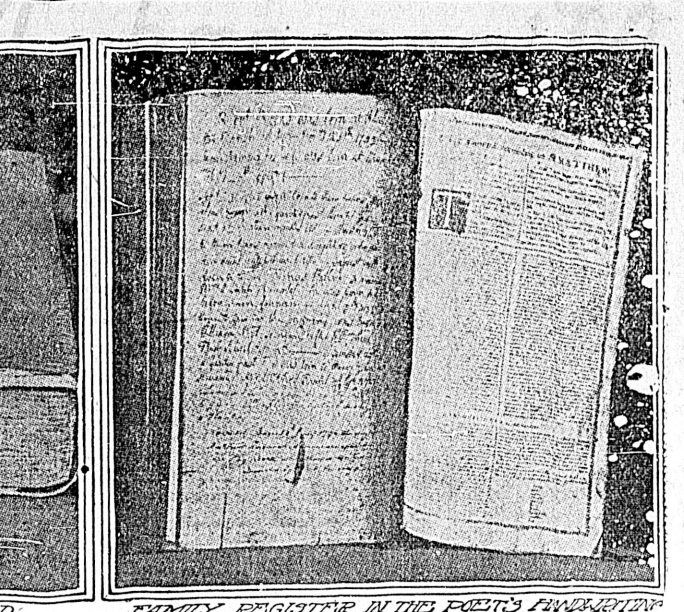
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publishers made £20,000, Dickens about £7,000. While "The Old Curiosity Shop" was appearing, the author used to constantly receive letters begging him to alter the natural and obvious end of the suffering child. But the hand that touched the master chords of the harp of life and death so strongly and yet so tenderly was not to be moved by public desire or feeling one tittle, and he carried the story on, regardless of all, to its natural end, the death of Little Nell. That one word, "natural," is the key-note to Dickens' whole success and greatness. His plots and his actors are fashioned from the same clay we are ourselves molded on, the same potters' wheel we recognize, and remember them as friends. There is another thing about his works that always appeals to our hearts. He always wrote with one end in view—either of righting a wrong or exposing. Some feared the influence "Nicholas Nickleby" had over the boarding schools; especially in Yorkshire, where the plot is laid, was little short of marvellous.

I am glad to see Spencer has many copies of Dickens' stories in 17-cent volumes. The print is not much to boast of, but consider the cost. As the air at present is thick with mystery and wedding presents, look in at Challoner & Mitchell's and ask for that dainty little set of salt cellars—shamrocks in silver, lined with white enamel, or, if you want to be more original, send the entire furnishing for a toilet table—brushes, comb, glass, etc.—of course, rather costly, but then, Betty, that purse of yours is a very long one.

There is nothing at present very new in china. Weiler Bros. have some pretty pieces of Royal Worcester, also some Hadley Worcester, which is quite as expensive, but, to my mind, not nearly as artistic in coloring or finish as the former. They also have a very expensive set—dark blue and lighter blue—that would be very quaint for a Thanksgiving dinner, the edge being roses, blue on a lighter ground, the central figure a large and important turkey, in the same color; you could almost hear him gobble. As you are taking my advice and looking after your cooking yourself, take

also this suggestion. Make an apron on the lines of a child's Mother Hubbard dress, buttoned down the back, with long sleeve of some strong, durable material. And now for matters gastronomic. I must take back a little what I said about cold suppers. I was at such a jolly one this day week. The table was prettily decorated in scarlet carnations, with a scarlet centrepiece and little lights of the same color; the food dainty, well cooked and well served, our host and hostess charming, and the wine excellent; in fact, the whole was so delightful that I don't know what I ate or drank, but came away with that contented and exalted frame of mind that betokens a mind at rest. The soup was split, yet our hostess smiled, and our champagne cork struck our host in the eye, yet he, like the captain of the Hesperus, "never a word said he," which all goes to show you, Betty, what a wonderful motive is "Don't worry."

Here is a little receipt for you for Sunday night's supper: Salade à la Dumas—Cut into shreds 1 small pickled cucumber, 1 small cooked beetroot, 3 cold cooked potatoes, 1 small onion, 4 tomatoes or 2 hearts of celery. Mix together and prepare the following dressing: Rub 1 hard-boiled egg, the yolk only, through a sieve; add 1 tablespoonful Tartare sauce, 1 saltspoonful salt, a pinch of cayenne; work into this gradually 2 tablespoonful salad oil, 1 of French vinegar, 1 dessertspoonful anchovy essence. Stir into the prepared vegetables, garnish with watercress or lettuce and hard-boiled eggs cut in quarters. Be particular to buy the very best oil and French vinegar, which only cost a few cents more than the common salt.

Tartare Sauce for making above—Two yolks raw eggs, salt, pepper, 1 gill salad oil, 1 tablespoonful French vinegar, 1 saltspoonful made mustard, 1 tablespoonful chopped capers. Mode—Put yolk in a basin; stir in, with a wooden spoon, salt and pepper; then add, drop by drop, the oil, very slowly stirring all the time; then add the mustard, when thoroughly mixed the vinegar more carefully than ever; lastly, the capers or capers.

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